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		A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	9.10	10.00	12.00	1.15	2.35	3.00	4.35	5.43	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	1.22	—	—	4.43	5.50	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	1.34	—	—	4.54	6.02	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	1.47	—	—	5.07	6.15	7.48
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.20	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	1.51	—	—	5.11	6.19	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	10.06	10.46	12.46	2.01	—	—	5.21	6.30	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	10.10	10.51	12.51	2.06	3.14	—	5.26	6.35	8.07
Shumchun	...Arr.	7.41	8.45	10.16	10.57	12.57	2.12	3.20	3.40	5.32	6.41	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	5.38	—	—	—	—	6.47	—	—	—

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Canton	...Dep.	—	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	3.20	—
Shumshun	...Dep.	7.18	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	4.41	5.49	6.24	6.46
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.25	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	4.48	5.56	—	6.53
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	4.52	6.00	—	—
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.40	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.02	6.10	—	—
Taipo	...Dep.	7.44	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.07	6.15	—	—
Shatin	...Dep.	7.57	8.44	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.20	6.28	—	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.11	8.56	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.32	6.40	—	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	8.17	9.02	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.38	6.46	7.04	7.29

SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

		A.M.	A.M.	* A.M.	† A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon	...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.04	9.10	10.00	12.00	2.24	3.00	5.18	7.15
Yaumati	...Dep.	6.49	—	—	—	9.20	10.07	12.07	2.31	—	5.25	7.23
Shatin	...Dep.	7.01	—	—	—	9.33	10.19	12.19	2.43	—	5.38	7.35
Taipo	...Dep.	7.15	—	—	—	9.48	10.32	12.32	2.56	—	5.52	7.48
Taipo Market	Dep.	7.20	—	—	—	9.53	10.36	12.36	3.00	—	5.56	7.52
Fanling	...Dep.	7.30	—	—	—	10.05	10.46	12.46	3.10	—	6.07	8.02
Sheungshui	..Dep.	7.35	—	9.07	9.41	10.10	10.51	12.51	3.15	—	6.12	8.07
Shum Chun	..Arr.	7.41	8.45	9.13	9.47	10.16	10.57	12.57	3.21	3.40	6.18	8.13
Canton	...Arr.	—	11.50	—	—	5.38	—	—	—	6.47	—	—

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Canton	..Dep.	—	—	8.05	—	—	—	—	—	3.20
Shum Chun	..Dep.	8.05	10.34	11.09	11.37	2.58	5.00	5.34	5.55	6.24
Sheungshui	..Dep.	8.12	10.41	—	11.44	3.05	5.07	5.41	6.03	—
Fanling	...Dep.	8.16	10.46	—	11.49	3.10	5.11	—	6.07	—
Taipo Market	Dep.	8.26	10.56	—	12.00	3.21	5.21	—	6.17	—
Taipo	...Dep.	8.31	11.00	—	12.05	3.26	5.25	—	6.21	—
Shatin	...Dep.	8.45	11.13	—	12.19	3.39	5.38	—	6.34	—
Yaumati	...Dep.	8.57	11.25	—	12.31	3.51	5.50	—	6.46	—
Kowloon	...Arr.	9.03	11.31	11.49	12.37	3.57	5.56	6.17	6.52	7.04

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EUROPE OR THE EMPIRE?

BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC CHOICE.

SIR ALFRED MOND'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE.

Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., speaking at a meeting organised by the Empire Industries Association, and held in the Cannon-street Hotel took as his subject: "An Empire Economic Unit." Sir Alfred pointed out that the recent economic tendencies of the world were in national industries towards amalgamation, in international industries negotiation and cartels, and in Imperial industries amalgamation and rationalisation. There already existed one great economic entity in the United States of America, and another was in process of formation—the United Economic States of Europe.

The choice for Great Britain lay between joining a European economic unit isolation or an Empire economic unit. If Britain went into the European complex she would be committed completely to Europe, which would mean the final economic and political disruption of the British Empire. Let them consider for a moment the size of the British Empire. It comprised 13,909,782 square miles, compared with 3,026,789 square miles of the United States and 3,650,000 square miles of Europe. In population we had 450,084,000 compared with 105,910,820 of the United States and 427,000,000 of Europe. In regard to resources the Empire had of foodstuffs 27 per cent. of the world's wheat production, 66 per cent. of the world's wheat production, 66 per cent. of the rice, 53 per cent. of the cattle, and 51 per cent. of the sheep. And the production of Empire foodstuffs was constantly increasing. Of metals we had 69 per cent. of the world's production of gold, 49.2 per cent. of the tin, 88 per cent. of the nickel, and 30 per cent. of the zinc. Of other raw materials we had 77.1 per cent. of the world's wool production and 67.5 per cent. of the raw rubber. The Empire had virtually a world monopoly in jute. The figures of the total exports from Great Britain to all the Dominions showed in the past twenty years a progressive increase and also in the inter-Imperial trade between the various component parts of the Empire. While trade with the rest of the world was generally declining, trade within and between the component parts of the Empire was showing a steady increase.

Overwhelming Superiority.

Our plain duty was to promote in every possible way and on every possible occasion the movement in commerce which was taking place. The proposition of an Empire economic unit presented unlimited capacity, overwhelming in its superiority. The Empire contained almost everything we wanted in order to exist. No other economic unit would be able to compete with us. The Empire occupied a position which ought to enable us to demand the most favourable trading terms. (Cheers.) If he were permitted to handle these vast and important resources and material, he would say without hesitation that he would be in a position not to negotiate, but to dictate terms. (Cheers.) He had been told by some who criticised his action in trying to awaken interest in this question, that he was trying to assume the mantle of the late Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. They would find, if they followed the growth and change of trade, that the view Mr. Joseph Chamberlain took of the need to secure closer Imperial trade had been amply borne out by the facts. (Hear, hear.)

He was not satisfied with the slow and tedious progress which was being made with Empire settlement. The Government would have done well if, instead of spending hundreds of millions in paying people to do nothing, they had spent the money in settling them in the Dominions, and thus creating new purchasers for our goods.

Introducing the speaker, Lord Hunsdon said he did not believe, as was so often asserted, that in "the impoverishment of Europe" was to be found the reason why our exports had fallen so greatly. In the past this country had been the workshop of the world. Now the world had its own workshops and was becoming more and more industrialised, with the result that nations not only provided themselves more and more with the goods with which we used to supply them, but they were competing

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with us more and more in the neutral markets. While this country was not self-supporting the Empire was, and the ideal at which their association was aiming was that all parts of the Empire should unite in an economic union, so that just as the Empire worked together in the time of war, we should also face the world in time of peace as a great self-supporting co-operating entity. (Cheers.)

FOUR DEAD IN BED.

LIGHTING SYSTEM DEFECTS.

CABLE FAULT AND CRACK IN GAS MAIN.

Four people lost their lives in Manchester by mysterious combination of faults in the distributing mains of the municipal gas and electricity undertakings.

The victims were Winnie Standige (12) and Hilda Standige (8), the schoolgirl daughters of Thomas Standige, an engineering labourer; Edith Gibbon (17), their step-sister, a shipping office clerk; and Mrs. Mary Connor (50), a friend who was lodging in the house and nursing Mrs. Standige, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Ernest Gibbon, a step-son, was taken to the infirmary in a state of collapse, and a cat which had been in the kitchen of the house and one of its kittens were found dead.

The tragedy occurred at Leghplace, Ardwick during the night and was discovered the following morning when Mr. Standige, having taken up tea to his wife, called his daughters and received no reply. His step-son, Thomas Gibbon, also going to call them, entered the small back bedroom which the four people shared and found them dead in bed.

30-Years-Old Cables.

The house is an old one. About two feet from the end of it and rather less than that below the surface of the pavement, there is a 12-inch gas main flanked by five electric cables encased in bitumen, all carried in one wooden trough. These cables have been down nearly 30 years. A *Daily Mail* reporter was informed officially that faults have been detected in both these lighting distributors.

An official of the electricity department said:

We knew that a fault occurred in one of the cables in that district. The section was located and the current shut off. Only after this tragedy was reported was the fault actually traced, and then it was also discovered that the 12-inch gas main at the same spot was also cracked.

The casing of the electric cable was burned completely through for some distance, but the gas main was very slightly fractured. Departmental experts detected the odour of coal gas and of the burning of bitumen in the locality.

Whether bitumen fumes or an escape of coal gas is to blame for the fatalities is still the subject of investigation.

PSYCHO-ANALYSIS BY LAYMEN.

STRONG PROTEST FROM VIENNA DOCTOR.

Some time ago the question of the practice of psycho-analysis by laymen was brought up in a law suit against a pupil of Professor Freud's, Dr. Reik, who had applied it to certain persons without being a medical man, his title being derived from the faculty of philosophy. On that occasion Professor Freud contended that, if a layman was sufficiently prepared and trained, he could treat neurotic cases. At the annual meeting of the "Organisation of Medical Independent Analysts," Dr. Stekel, a popular doctor in Vienna, protested energetically against the system, which has developed considerably there, and declared it to be most dangerous.

Psycho-analysis might be compared, he said, with an operation on the brain, and only an experienced medical man could be alert to its perils. Numbers of neurotic patients, who had been analysed, now practised analysis on others, and it would not be very long before such people would advertise "Analysis for one Schilling." Dr. Stekel mentioned many cases of individuals who had taken to psycho-analysing simply because they could not make another living. Others, "doctors of philosophy," but not of medicine, abused their title by deceiving clients, who took them for medical men.

DIARY OF EVENTS.

To-day.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Sale of Roses for "Our Poor Day."
Legislative Council meeting, 2.30 p.m.
Hockey: Army *v.* 5/2nd Punjabi Regt., 3.30 p.m.
Garrison Football League: B. Coy. K.O.S.B. *v.* C. Coy. K.O.S.B.; R.A.M.C. *v.* R.A.O.C., Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
H.M.S. *Titanic* dance, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 9 p.m.
After dinner dance, at Lee Gardens.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
"Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, 8 p.m.
"The Quaints" present "The Blue Train," Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Show."
World Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."
Star Theatre: "Dancing Mothers"
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Chengtu*), 5 p.m.

Friday.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent dinner dance, 8 p.m.
K.O.S.B. Boxing tournament. Murray Barracks, 8 p.m.
Debate between University of Oregon team (on tour of the World) and European Y.M.C.A., at Y.M.C.A., Kowloon. Subject: "Is Democracy a Failure?," 9 p.m.
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Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *via* Siberia (*Fushimi Maru*). Outward: Australia, New Zealand, etc. (*Tanda*), 3.30 p.m.

Saturday.

Bankruptcy Court, 10.30 a.m.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling.
Fanling Hunt: Steeplechase Meeting, Kwanti.
Yachting: 4th Championship race for racing yachts.
Motor-cycle Football, Mongkok, 3 p.m.
Cricket League:—Division I.: Chinese R.C. *v.* R.G.A. Division II.: Recreio *v.* Royal Navy; R.A.O.C. *v.* Royal Engineers; Police R.C. *v.* Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI.
Friendly Cricket: K.C.C. *v.* Craigengower C.C.; C.S.C.C. *v.* R.A.F.; *Tamar v.* K.C.C. 2nd XI.; H.K. Electric R.C. *v.* China Light and Power Co. R.C.
Lawn Bowls:—Spey Royal Cup Final: Taikoo *v.* Craigengower C.C., at Kowloon C.C.
Football League:—Division I.: Recreio *v.* K.O.S.B.; Kowloon *v.* Chinese Ath.; Club *v.* Police. Division II. "A": St. Joseph's *v.* Royal Atillery; Kowloon *v.* K.O.S.B.; South China "A" *v.* Recreio; Chinese Ath. *v.* Club; University *v.* South China "B." Division II. "B": South China "B" *v.* South China "A"; Moslems *v.* St. Joseph's; Scouts *v.* Kowloon; Chinese Ath. *v.* Kung Woo.
Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30—6.30 p.m.; Cafe Regent, 4.30—6.30 p.m.
Cafe Regent and King Edward Hotel dinner dance, 8 p.m.
Hong Kong Boxing Association's second tournament of the season, City Hall, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Show."
World Theatre: "A Hero on Horseback."
Star Theatre: "Dancing Mothers."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., etc. (*President Adams*). Outward: Europe *via* Marseilles, etc. (*Fushimi Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Sunday.

2nd Sunday in Advent.
Golf: Captain's Cup, Fanling; 1st and second rounds of Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship.
Fanling Hunt: Meet at Stables, 10 a.m.
Yachting: St. George's *v.* St. Andrew's Societies.
44th Annual Al Fresco Fete of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, compound of the Catholic Cathedral, 3.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.
Theosophical Society: Lecture by Mr. H. E. Lanepart on "The Coming of the World Teacher," Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 6 p.m.
"Cheer O" Y.M.C.A.:—Men's Meeting, 7.45 p.m.
After dinner dance at Lee Gardens.
Queen's Theatre: "The Flaming Forest."

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STRANGE CASE OF PARRICIDE.

TIENTSIN MAN'S MAD IMAGININGS.

"TOOK HIS FATHER FOR A BLACK DOG."

PEKING, Nov. 18th.

Pleading that he killed his father because he mistook him for a black dog whose flesh he wanted to eat, Liu Chun Yuan, aged 20, was sentenced to death in the Tientsin District Court for parricide, asked for mercy at the Tientsin High Court in the first hearing of his appeal against the verdict of the Lower Court this afternoon.

The prisoner is a native of Tientsin and the only son of a Chinese quack, named Liu Chan Ao. Liu was seized with an attack of insanity, and although he was cured, counsel for the defence argued that he had never completely recovered.

The father had quite a large practice among the more conservative folk in Tientsin, and although the son earned less than fifty cents a day from rickshaw pulling, father and son lived happily for some time, especially as the family had been reduced to two since the death of the mother last year and the marriage of the only daughter this spring.

The first rift in the family lute came last May when the widower fell in love with a woman client. After several calls the 60-year old man decided to marry the woman, who readily gave her consent. There was no marriage ceremony; what the two did was to take a joint oath that they became man and wife.

The son was kept completely in the dark until one May day the father brought a strange woman into the household, Liu asked the man who the woman was, but he was told that she was his step-mother. On hearing this, Liu again became insane and refused to let the woman remain in the house.

Chained Up And Whipped.

The father then whipped him and chained him to his bed, giving him a meal every two days. On the night of the crime, the father went to Liu with a chopper in hand, saying that he must stop his yellings every day and that if he continued to make trouble he would kill him. This was apparently meant to frighten him into submission, for soon the old man went to bed with the chopper under the pillow.

In the dead of the night Liu woke up and after a struggle succeeded in extricating himself from his fetters. He then searched for a weapon and got hold of a hammer nearby. He dealt the father such a heavy blow that his head was broken and he was killed instantly. He then proceeded to cut the neck of the dead man with the chopper.

The crime was not discovered until late the next morning when a neighbour, intrigued by the continued silence of the house, approached and peeped through the window. To his great amazement and terror he saw the old man lying in a pool of blood, while the son was making a fire and trying to cut flesh from the dead man and cook it.

Cooking Human Flesh.

Police were at once summoned and soon arrived on the scene. When the room was forced open, they found the prisoner murmuring to himself that he wanted to eat human meat. As he still had the weapons in his possession, the police were afraid to approach him at first. With a revolver in hand, the leader of the police went near and demanded in a stern voice what he was doing. He replied that he was cooking human flesh. He was immediately placed under arrest.

When he was asked by the Trial Judge in the District Court why he murdered his father he replied that he mistook him for a black dog lying in his bed and that he was anxious to eat dog meat to satisfy his hunger. The court found him guilty of parricide and sentenced him to death.

The prisoner appealed this decision to the High Court, where the first hearing was held this afternoon.—*Rus Wen.*

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NANKING SHOOTING AFFRAY.

TROOPS FIRE ON CROWD.

NEWS SUPPRESSED BY NATIONALIST CENSORS.

Shanghai papers to hand give details of a serious shooting affair which is reported to have taken place in Nanking on November 22nd, the full details of which, owing to the Nationalist censorship, had not previously come to hand.

From reports available (on November 26th) it appears that, on that day, the populace were celebrating the victory of the Nanking armies over Gen. Tang Seng Chi, the Hunanese militarist. A procession was formed by those who took part, and the main streets of the city were marched through.

What exactly happened after that is not known because reports differ. The processionists, however, proceeded along the road, demonstrating as they went. One report has it that the soldiers fired first on the mob and killed a man and a woman and wounded two other men and four children. Another account states that radicals in the mob fired on the spectators or that some Communists among the spectators opened fire on the demonstrators to show their disapproval of the celebrations and their support of Gen. Tang, and the result was that a number of people, exactly how many it is not stated, were killed.

Strict martial law was at once enforced and the Nanking censorship was successful in preventing the news from coming to Shanghai until they found it convenient to make it public.

Local Protests.

As a result of the massacre Shanghai students and Street Unions are raising an uproar and meetings were held throughout the Settlement and in Chinese territory.

At the preliminary meeting of the 4th Plenary Kuomintang Conference held on Thursday, those present, who had sensed the indignation among the Chinese people, passed a resolution which authorized the despatch of Tan Yen Kai and Tsai Yuan Pei, to Nanking. These delegates are to investigate the conditions and make a report to Shanghai.

Members of the local Kuomintang Special District have petitioned Nanking to punish the instigators of the shooting. This afternoon the Shanghai Students Union and other Kuomintang bodies are receiving Nanking students, who will give their version of the affair.

DR. AND MRS. FOWLER.

LEAVING LESTER CHINESE HOSPITAL, SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, Nov. 26th.

The Trustees of the Lester Chinese Hospital together with members of the Committee and Staff gathered in the office of the Medical Superintendent yesterday to bid goodbye to Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fowler who are leaving for England this morning.

In representing them with a handsome silver salver suitably engraved, Mr. C. M. Bain, chairman of the Hospital said:

It is with feelings of deep regret that we have to say Good-bye to Dr. and Mrs. Fowler. Dr. Fowler's professional life has been a long one in China and the study and devotion, particularly on behalf of the Lepers, must have been a heavy strain upon him.

The responsibility and the unending thought and care are tremendous out in this climate and to be ever ready to answer a call and to spend most of one's time with the sick and dying, is no light task. Dr. Fowler with a charming personality and a keen constant interest gave of his best voluntarily to this Hospital. He came to us at a critical time, when our late esteemed friend Dr. Davenport was taken from us, and no one could have done more for the Hospital than he did. Dr. Fowler and Mrs. Fowler will both have their names long remembered by foreign and Chinese friends alike for all they have done during their long sojourn in China. I would take this opportunity of specially thinking Dr. Fowler for all he has done for us in connection with the preparation of plans for our new permanent hospital as well as for his advice and interest in arranging details for our temporary premises. We all wish Dr. and Mrs. Fowler the best of good things.

Dr. Fowler's Thanks.

Dr. Fowler in reply thanked Mr. Bain and friends most sincerely for their gift and gracious words. He wished strongly to urge upon the Trustees and supporters of the hospital the great need of a Convalescent Home for ambulatory patients. He felt this was of such great importance that he could not say good-bye without laying stress upon it.—*North China Daily News.*

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Credits, 4 months' sight	1,325
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Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	134⅛
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Geneva	25.26
Amsterdam	12.07½
Milan	89.75
Berlin	20.43
Stockholm	18.09
Copenhagen	18.26
Oslo	18.34½
Vienna	34.57½
Prague	164½
Helsingfors	193¾
Madrid	29.32½
Lisbon	2 7/16
Athens	370½
Bucharest	790
Rio	5⅝
Buenos Aires	47⅞
Bombay	1/6
Yokohama	1/10 9/10
Shanghai	2/7
Hong Kong	2/0½
Silver (spot)	26⅞
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Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30½ nom.
Do., C.	£13½ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£10 nom.
East Asia Bank	$62 nom.
Canton Insurance	$542 buy.
Union Insurance	$293½ sel, 293 sa.
North China Ins.	Tls. 143 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	M. $46½ buy.
China Underwriters	$1.20 sel.
China Fire Insurance	$215 nom.
Hong Kong Fire Ins.	$595 buy.
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Steamboats	$20 nom.
H.K. Tugs	$1½ sel.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$30 nom.
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Kailan Mining Ad.	63/- nom.
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H.K. & K. Wharfs	$120½ nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	$35 sel.
China Providents	$4 nom.
Hongkews	Tls. 157 buy.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5 sel.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 95 nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 7.35 nom.
Orientals	Tls. 2 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 45 buy.
Do. (new)	Tls. 23 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$6½ nom.
H.K. Lands	$56½ buy. & sa., 57 sel.
Shanghai Lands	Tls. 123 buy.
Humphreys Estates	$18 buy.
Hong Kong Realties	$7½ nom.
H.K. Territorials	$1½ sel.
Prince's Buildings	$120 buy.
H.K. Tramways	$20.20 buy.
Peak Trams (old)	$14 sel.
Do. (new)	$7 sel.
Star Ferries	$55 buy.
China Lights (comb.)	$12 sel.
Do. (old)	$9 sel.
Do. (new)	$6½ sel.
H.K. Electrics	$55 buy.
Macao Electrics	$44 buy.
Telephones	$3.90 buy.
China Buses	Tls. 6½ buy.
Singapore Tractions	12/9 nom.
China Sugars	$13 nom.
Malabon Sugars	$30 sel.
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Do. (old)	$6.60 nom.
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ONE OF THE BEER BARONS.

[BY TREVOR C. WIGNALL.]

CHICAGO (Ill.)

I caught my first glimpse of Chicago just as the inhabitants were sitting down to their breakfasts. And the first thing I saw was an enormous painted sign on the wall of a skyscraper. It read: *Throw away your Hummer and get in Horn.*

I hadn't a notion what it meant until I was informed that the slogan was the invention of Mr. William Hale Thompson, Chicago's mayor, best known as "Big Bill." In effect it was an instruction to all and sundry to stop "knocking" and begin "boosting"—to stop belittling Chicago and, instead, to tell the world that the city is the greatest ever known. There is nothing in Chicago that better typifies it. It is the home of boosters.

I met all sorts of people during my stay—business magnates, judges, lawyers, millionaires, bootleggers, and gunmen. Without exception all told me that in five years Chicago will be the biggest city on earth.

There was practically no crime in Chicago during the time of the big fight between Tunney and Dempsey. The gangsters packed away their revolvers and machine guns, and the "stick-up" men took a holiday. It was even possible at night to visit the suburb of Cicero (the district where the notorious Scar-Faced Al. Capone is absolute ruler) without fear of being knocked on the head or shot in the back.

The reason was this. A truce had been declared. The Beer Barons and gunmen and lesser toughs had been politely asked to call off their wars until Chicago dropped out of the newspapers of the world. They faithfully fulfilled the promises they made. It was even joyously published in one of the newspapers the day after the contest that on the previous night there hadn't been so much as a burglary.

A Quaint Party.

I was the guest one night of one of the Beer Barons. I didn't know it until it was too late for me to leave the house to which I had been taken. Otherwise wild horses would not have got me there. I was driven to the house in an armoured saloon car that was piloted by a man with a revolver at his side. There was also a machine-gun somewhere near the bonnet. Our speed during the greater part of the 15-miles journey averaged nearly 60 miles an hour. No notice was taken of traffic signals, which suggested to me that the powerful spot-light on the front of the car was a signal that was known to the police.

It was a quaint party. It was held in the basement, and the refreshments included corned-beef sandwiches and a barrel of beer made in the baron's Chicago brewery.

My main companion was an undersized youth who is admittedly one of the city's chief beer-runners and gunmen. He had a dialect of his own which made it difficult for me to understand all he said; but I did comprehend him when he told me stories of evenings when he had had to use his gun. I may never meet him again, but I shall certainly remember him.

Deeply Religious.

And that is also true of the baron himself. Never have I encountered a man more remarkable. He is a non-smoker, a non-drinker, and apparently deeply religious; and his great complaint was that he was not allowed to ply his "trade" peacefully and without hindrance. Two of his brothers were killed recently in gang battles, and he himself realises that his life is not worth a cent.

That, I think, is why I was prompted to decline his invitation to "look-over" Chicago with him. I told him frankly that in addition to being busy I knew better ways of committing suicide. Next day, when I asked a politician why there were so many shootings in the city, he replied simply: "It's only the bootleggers and the gangsters who pull guns. We're encouraging them to do so. By a process of elimination they'll soon be exterminated. But don't you take a ride in this place with anyone you don't know. If you do you'll wake up dead in some open space."

I didn't.

Chicago has limitless opportunities. Among the new friends I made were two ex-cowboys named Jackson and Stamer. In 1924 they

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arrived in Chicago not only penniless but owing £200,000. On the last day I was with them they were offered £2,000,000 for four of the six enormous buildings they have built. One of these was erected in eight months and its 42 stories now house 15,000 people. In three years Jackson and Stamer—who still throw ropes and ride mustangs in their spare time—have become multi-millionaires.

CHAPLIN AT WORK.

HOW "THE CIRCUS" IS BEING MADE.

[BY IRIS BARRY, *The Film Critic of "The Daily Mail."*]

HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA.

Lights have been burning late these past weeks at the Chaplin studios. The comedian is in the best of working trim and only a few more scenes remain to be taken to complete "The Circus."

The Chaplin studios are unlike any others in Hollywood; quieter and at the moment much more radiant. There are fewer people there, and all of them the best of friends and most of them displaying a singular versatility.

Chaplin works hardest of them all, for he is not only the director of the film, the author of the story, and the principal actor, but every detail of lighting, camera work, sets, costume, every bit of acting, as well as the editing and titling of the film, he does himself.

The scene for the next bit, a grocer's store, is ready. Chaplin stands behind the cameras, his eyes closed and head down for a moment, visualising the action. "Ready, let's go," he says suddenly, and rehearses the comic fall which he is to make. But he is not satisfied and trundles round the scene whistling. His staff make suggestions. He tries something else. Suddenly he sees how to do what he wants, the lights snap on, there is immediate silence, and he does his bit.

In a couple of minutes the whole unit has transferred itself to another scene, "behind the scenes" in the little travelling circus, and Chaplin is rehearsing his leading lady, Myrna Kennedy, the old clown, the young clown, and the ring master. He takes each one in turn, acts for them exactly what he wants them to do, makes them repeat it, corrects a movement, slows down a gesture. "Not so relaxed" when you begin to cry, Myrna," he says gently: "not despair but nerves."

It seems a pity he cannot play all the parts himself, he does them so well, with such an understanding of human nature. He uses no music, by the way, while acting, as other studios do. In his opinion music, while it makes one feel emotionally, does not make one able to *act* emotionally.

Work has been going on since long before noon. It begins again soon after nine in the evening, after a short break for food. While the lights are being adjusted Chaplin goes off to the projection room to see the "takes" of the morning's work, finds some of it good, some not so satisfactory, and discusses it in detail with his assistant and his manager, Mr. Reeves, the laconic Englishman who has been with him now since Karno days. Then, to save time, he begins to rehearse the most important scene of the day with the young leading man, whom he is imploring to do a service for the little heroine, and imploring in his own eloquent dumb-show.

Both of them know exactly what it is he is trying to convey, both seek the best way in which it may be pantomimed. Now Chaplin is pleading with him, uttering the words in a toneless whisper, every limb and every line of his shabby little back eloquent. But he is not satisfied. Does it look true? he asks; he wonders if he is taking it too fast, exactly how he and the young man are to play in with each other. They rehearse it seven or eight times; then Charlie goes off by himself to work up his own part more naturally.

Suddenly he begins guying himself, sings a few notes, makes an absurd remark in his ordinary, not his dumb-show-whisper, voice. "That's it; let's go," he cries.

It is 2.30 before Chaplin is satisfied, then he wants to go to the projection room once more and see some more rough "takes." There are orders, in minute detail, for next day's work. Walking across the lawn to his car, still in the familiar costume which so many millions know on the screen and in make-up, he tears off the little black moustache on his upper lip, bit by bit, and re-enters his everyday personality.

Mr. Chaplin is going home, his picture is practically finished, all's well with the world. The studio closes, the old dog who lives in the studios—a veteran now but once a star in "A Dog's Life"—composes himself for sleep.

"The Circus," will be ready for the public by the end of November at the latest.—*Daily Mail.*

PAINTING SHIPS WITH LARD!

QUEER STORIES IN COURT.

A Chinese was sternly rebuked by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday when in answering a charge of having in his possession pork which was unfit for human consumption he explained that he intended to convert the fat into lard by mixing it with ox-fat.

"You dare to use rotten, stinking fat to make lard for human consumption? What else is lard for except for food?" queried his Worship. Defendant said it would be used in painting ships and boats and seeing that he was failing to impress the Magistrate, explained further that the fat would be used in the making of tallow.

On being told by a Sanitary Inspector that another summons would be taken out against the defendant, his Worship remanded the man.

TON LIFTED BY A MEDIUM.

THUMB-MARK OF A MAN DEAD FOR 15 YEARS.

SEANCE STORIES.

Astonishing achievements of the famous spiritualist mediums "Stella C." and "Margery," were revealed at the Sorbonne by Mr. Harry Price, director of the National Laboratory for Psychic Research in England, and Mr. Malcolm Bird, Research Officer of the American Society, during the second day's session of the International Congress for Psychic Research.

"Thermal changes do take place within the vicinity of certain psychics," said Mr. Price, who gave the result of a dozen different seances with "Stella C." when the temperature around the medium rose and fell many degrees during the production of the phenomena. "In one instance our instruments recorded a rise of 7.8 degrees with a brilliant blue flash inside the medium's cage.

"This medium is a transformer of energy rather than an absorber. She had generated sufficient energy for levitation, and it has been estimated that she could raise one ton to a height of ten feet for each minute of her trance.

"Spirit Control."

Mr. Bird's address was accompanied by many extraordinary photographs of seances with "Margery," the renowned Boston medium. Teleplasm, which Mr. Bird described as a cool, damp substance, white and frothy, was shown issuing from the nose and ears of the entranced woman.

"Of sixty-eight thumb-prints made in soft wax during forty seances, sixty-three were proved by police finger-print experts of Boston to be of the same thumb," said Mr. Bird.

"Her hands were strapped outside apertures in the medium's cage during the entire proceedings.

"Her spirit control is Walter Stinson, her brother, who has been dead for fifteen years. We were able to secure the razor with which he shaved on the morning he was killed. His thumb-print made on it with lather, and thus preserved, was the same thumb-print as was made sixty-three times by the teleplasmic hand."

HOSPITAL SCHEME FOR THE MIDDLE CLASSES.

A LONDON M.P. MAKES A NEW PROPOSAL.

The problem of medical attention for the middle-classes has been raised by Dr. Graham Little, M.P. for London University.

He states that a member of the staff of a great hospital divides his day between two classes—the rich and the poor. For tending the sick poor he gets nothing. He gleans from the rich the means which enable him to devote himself to his profession and at the same time to succour the poor without fee.

"Upon the middle-class lies nearly the whole financial burden of our country," said Dr. Little, "and it is, *in my opinion*, high time that some provision was made for their proper medical treatment."

A scheme which he considered likely to meet the situation and which may be put into operation in the near future at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, was outlined by Dr. Little.

"There should be a certain number of beds set apart in the hospitals for people between the rich and the poor classes," he said. "They will pay an inclusive fee of ten guineas a week for medical attention and their keep, and this would, I think, include any medical examination which might be necessary.

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Self-Supporting Scheme.

"At the moment I cannot say that it would include surgical fees. I hope that it might be possible, but, of course, it is the surgical fees for an operation which are so heavy.

"The arrangement would be run as part of the hospital scheme, and the idea is that those middle-class beds would pay for themselves. There would be no profit."

A county co-operative hospital scheme is in force in Brighton. Middle-class people who belong to it subscribe a guinea a year, which entitles them to treatment at all or any of the hospitals belonging to the scheme.

The Ladies' National Clubs in London also have a medical benefit scheme for their members, a small subscription entitling them to medical attention and treatment.

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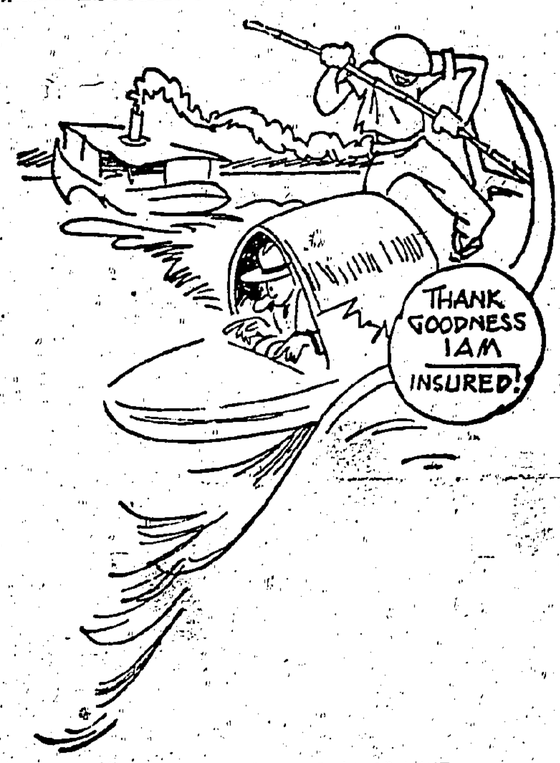

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ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT CEREMONIAL AND GOOD CHEER.

GREAT GATHERING OF THE CLANS.

Another St. Andrew's Day has passed, and with it another St. Andrew's Ball, but it will be long before it is forgotten. The splendour of decorations, the beauty of dresses, and the general air of complete enjoyment all helped to make it lastingly memorable. Even that noble and doubtless jaded band of organizers who were responsible must admit the triumphant success of their labours.

The decorations can seldom have been more tastefully planned: everything in its place and everything suited to its place. The masses of colour around the supper tables and the restful green of verandahs were equally welcome.

And then the guests. The City Hall seemed thronged with them, well over a thousand Scots and their friends, all determined to enjoy themselves as no one ever had before. Even the most bigotted sassenach must give all honour to his northern neighbours for this wonderful evening.

The Decorations.

The great stairway of the City Hall was flanked by deep masses of evergreens, rising above the balustrades with small palms set upon each step. The whole was cleverly lighted by hidden lamps giving freshness and colour to an already brilliant scene.

In fact, the earliest impression was of greenness everywhere, round the entrance, on the pillars and up the stairway; even here, however, the occasion was emphasized by stately lanterns with the St. Andrew's Cross in white and blue. The large mirror, set at the head of the stairway, still further heightened the magnificent effect of the entrance.

The Dancing Halls.

Both St. Andrew's and St. George's Hall were given over to St. Andrew and Scotland. Clan shields and standards were hung around the walls and the ceilings were covered with immense crosses in white and blue.

The dais was set in St. George's Hall in front of the portrait of Queen Victoria, and beneath the Union Jack and the red, white and blue ensigns. A portrait of Robbie Burns, the Scottish national bard, held the place of honour in St. Andrew's Hall, while pictures of Prince Charles and Sir Walter Scott were in the ante-room and tea-room. The dance floors were brilliantly illuminated, evergreens filled the corners; there could not have been a better background for the pretty dresses and the Scottish costume of many of the men.

Sitting Out.

The long stretch of verandah gave ample and very welcome accommodation for sitting out. The open side was covered with flags and many-coloured bunting, evergreens and palms served to break the length and to provide little sheltered havens.

A Bower Of Flowers.

The theatre was decorated with profusion of colours. The table for the official party was set upon the stage, almost lost in a bower of flowers. Massed chrysanthemums served as the background to yellow and white daisies, which shone among the darker colours. Tartans hung on the walls and the pillars of the auditorium, where tables were laid for the guests not of the official party. The white and blue of the table cloths was repeated on the lampshades of the official table.

The backcloth to the stage was a work of art in itself, and the picture there shown of Buchanan's Temperance Hotel should prove even to the most perverse foreigner that Scotland is not without its sense of humour.

A card room was provided for non-dancers, complete with radiators, against breezes from the North, and decorated in blue and gold.

THE BALL.

Ceremonial Greeting.

When H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Southorn) arrived, he was met in the Baronial Hall by the Chieftain (Mr. D. Templeton) and the Committee.

The King's party then proceeded upstairs headed by the Pipe Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers marching two abreast, and playing "The Road to the Isles."

When the pipers reached St. George's Hall they spread out to the extent of two or three full paces, and after a few paces forward in the direction of the dais, they halted and turned facing inwards.

The pipers ceased playing just before the Chieftain and His Excellency, who followed, took their places in the hall.

The Band then struck up "God Save the King," at a signal from Mr. McTavish, the pipers in the meantime acting as bodyguard. The Chieftain then conducted His Excellency to his seat on the Dais.

The State Lancers.

As usual the ball was officially opened with the State Lancers, the dancers forming up in the following order in front of the Dais:—

Those taking part in the Official sets of lancers were:—

President's Set:—Mrs. Southorn, the President, Mrs. Templeton, H.E. the Hon. Mr. Southorn, Mrs. Luard, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Mrs. Sutherland, Commodore Pearson.

Vice-President's Set:—Mrs. Pearson, Mr. A. K. Henderson, Mrs. Wood, H.E. General Luard, Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. Halifax, Mrs. Jackman, Mr. R. Sutherland.

The Charleston Not In It With The Reel!

This year's reel classes have proved so popular that a number of Scottish National dances were included in the programme for all to take part in. Last year, it will be remembered a number of specially trained dancers gave an exhibition. Scots are congratulating themselves and declaring that the mere American dances will soon be quite out of it compared with what comes from North of the Tweed.

THE SUPPER.

A Dram Wi' The Haggis.

Early during the supper, the Chieftain proposed the toast of "The King."

After a lapse of ten minutes, the ceremony of bringing in the Haggis took place. The Haggis was carried in by Mr. Alastair MacKenzie and the "Barley Bree" by Mr. George Duncan, M.B.E., headed by Pipe-Sergt. P. D. Wilson playing "Brose and Butter." After the Haggis had been placed in front of the Chieftain, the Chieftain rose and gave the carriers of the Haggis and the "Barley Bree" a dram from the quaich.

The Chieftain then himself partook of a dram from the quaich ("nae heel taps") and offered a dram to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government.

Mr. Duncan then supplied each gentleman guest at the table with a dram and this ended the ceremony.

THE CHIEFTAIN'S WELCOME.

The Chieftain then made the following speech of welcome:—

In the name of the members of St. Andrew's Society, Hong Kong, and on their behalf I offer a hearty Scottish welcome to you, our friends, who have honoured us by your presence to-night and I express our appreciation for your continued interest in our Saint's Day Celebration, which celebration has become a hardy annual, marking as it does, the opening of the Hong Kong Social Season.

We trust you will have full enjoyment and find the realization fully equal to the anticipation.

As the years roll on (since 1881 as you may have observed on entry) it is becoming increasingly difficult to find subject matter for an address, as subject matter suitable to the occasion is getting a bit threadbare—resulting as it must in vain repetition somewhat boring to the listeners.

This does not seem an opportune time for speeches, those who have supped desire to dance and those who have been dancing desire to sup and in addition the delivery of a speech is, to me, a nightmare.

Therefore to avoid boredom I am introducing an innovation at this Gathering and in the place of a speech I desire to give you a toast which I trust will be received upstanding and honoured with enthusiasm by all.

"The Land of Brown Heath and Shaggy Wood"
"The Land of the Mountain and the Flood"
"The Land of our Sires"
"Scotland" "The Land we love."

The Menu.

"Grace be here, an' grace be there,
An' grace be roon' the table.
Ilka yin tak' up yer spune,
An' sup as fast's yer able."

1. Hot Consomme
2. Cold Canadian Salmon Mayonnaise Sauce
3. Roast Turkey.
4. York Ham
5. Oxford Sausages
6. Corned Tongue
7. Melton Mowbray Pie
8. Assorted Salad
9. Haggis

"On siccan food has mony a doughty deed
By Caledonia's ancestors been done."

"To slocken a drooth can never be wrang,
Sae help yersel' an' pass it alang."

10. Assorted French Pastries
11. Ice Meringues
12. Ice Cream
13. Coffee.

"Here's friends on baith sides o' the Forth,
And friends on baith sides o' the Tweed."

Hot Consomme on leaving.

Official Supper Table.

Guests at the official supper table were:—

Mrs. Southorn and the President of St. Andrew's Society, H.E. the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Templeton, Mr. A. K. Henderson and Mrs. Luard, H.E. Major-General Luard and Mrs. Pearson, Commodore Pearson and Mrs. Sutherland, Hon. Mr. Hallifax and Mrs. Macdonald, Sir Victor MacKenzie and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Col. Comyn and Mrs. Wylie, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar and Mrs. Comyn, Sir Henry Gollan and Mrs. Alabaster, Mr. K. E. Greig and Mrs. Hynes, Mr. R. Sutherland and Mrs. Jackman, Mr. C. G. Alabaster and Mrs. Owen Hughes, Mr. Justice Wood and Mrs. Wolfe, Mr. G. M. Shaw and Mrs. Brearley, Hon. Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. A. Stevenson and Mrs. Maconachie, Mr. J. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Cock, Mr. P. Tod and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Capt. Morrison and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. E. Cock and Mrs. A. Stevenson, Mr. B. Wylie and Mrs. Blair, Rev. J. Kirk Maconachie and Mrs. Duncan, Mr. A. L. Shields and Mrs. McTavish, Mr. A. Ritchie and Mrs. P. Tod.

THE COMMITTEES.

General Committee:—Mr. D. Templeton (President), Mr. A. K. Henderson (Vice-President), Mr. R. Shewan (Past President), Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar (Past President), Mr. R. M. Dyer (Past President), Mr. R. Sutherland (Past President), Dr. G. D. R. Black (Past President), Mr. G. M. Shaw, Mr. D. Gow, Mr. B. Wylie, Mr. K. E. Greig, Mr. P. Tod, Mr. W. Beveridge (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden (Joint Hon. Secretaries).

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Ladies' Cloak Room Committee:—Dr. John Morrison (Convener), Mr. R. Macgregor, and Dr. M. Nicolson.

Supper and Wine Committee:—Mr. J. M. Jack (Convener), Mr. T. L. Christie, Mr. E. L. Hosie, Mr. F. M. Crawford, Mr. W. Ironside, Mr. A. W. E. Davidson, Mr. W. Johnston, Mr. J. Dickson, Mr. W. Kay, Mr. F. Edwards, Mr. W. Lawson, Mr. W. N. Fleming, Mr. J. Murray, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, Mr. W. Macfarlane, Mr. J. Fraser, Mr. G. McLeod, Mr. J. W. Henderson, Mr. D. Thompson, Mr. F. Syme Thomson, Mr. J. Watson, Mr. L. M. Whyte and Mr. A. Wylie.

Decoration Committee:—Mr. George Duncan (Convener), Mr. D. Keith, Mr. J. Kempton, Mr. C. B. Mathews, Mr. G. Murray and Mr. A. B. Ramsay.

Card Room Committee:—Mr. B. Wylie (Convener) and Mr. G. M. Shaw.

Honorary Pipers:—Mr. P. D. Wilson, Mr. G. S. Brown and Mr. G. Nisbet.

The Dance Programme.

The programme of music provided by the K.O.S.B. pipers and the Hong Kong Hotel orchestra, included among the modern dances a number of Scottish dances.

The supper dances were from No. 9 to No. 13 in the following programme:—

Extra Waltz—Because I Love You.
1.—Lancers: Amelia.
2.—Fox Trot: Ain't She Sweet?
3.—Caledonians: Caledonians.
4.—Fox Trot: The Winding Trial.
5.—Eightsome Reel: The Deil Among the Tailors, The Black Haired Laddie and The Kilt is my Delight.
6.—Waltz: Russian Lullaby.
7.—Fox Trot: I Can't Forget You.
8.—Strathspey and Reel: Marquis of Huntley and The Piper O'Drummond.
9.—Fox Trot: Moonlit Waters.
10.—Fox Trot: Sailin' On.
11.—Waltz: In The Middle of The Night.
12.—Fox Trot: Just Once Again
13.—Fox Trot: Proud.
14.—Waltz: Let Me Call You Sweetheart.
15.—Caledonians: Caledonians.
16.—Fox Trot: Me and My Shadow.
17.—Highland Schottische: Macphedran's Strathspey, Lord Blantyre and Stirling Castle.
18.—Fox Trot: Sixty Seconds Every Minute.
19.—Eightsome Reel: The Fairy Dance, Kate Dalrymple and Jack Wilson.
20.—Fox Trot: One O'clock Baby
21.—Strathspey and Reel: The Devil in the Kitchen and Miss MacLeod of Raasey.
22.—Waltz: Cherrie-Beerie Be!
Extra.—One Step: Rosa Lee.

"BRITHER SCOTS."

HONG KONG'S GREETINGS.

The following telegram was sent to St. Andrew's Societies in the Far East:—

"Here a haun frae Hong Kong Brither Scots."
Templeton Chieftain.

It was despatched to the following ports:—

Negri Sembilan,	Sandakan,
Zamboanga,	Canton (Shameen),
Saigon,	Swatow,
Tsingtao,	Foochow,
Calcutta,	Shanghai,
Bombay,	Tientsin,
Madras,	Taipeh,
Rangoon,	Peking,
Kuala Lumpur,	Ipoh,
Penang,	Perak,
Singapore,	Batavia,
Bangkok,	Malacca,
Manila,	Soerabaya,
Cebu,	Aden, [ban),
Iloilo,	Mambua (Serem-
Amoy,	Kobe,
Chefoo,	Yokohama,
Nagasaki.	

The following telegrams were received:—

"Heartiest greetings frae Brither Scots"

From:—Bangkok, Ipoh, Kobe, Calcutta, Rangoon, Cebu, Sandakan, Shameen, Penang, Serembun, Singapore, Iloilo, Yokohama, Tokyo, Malacca.

Amoy, "Lang may ye flourish."
Zamboanga, "Greetings may rafters dirl."
Manila, "Heartiest greetings tae one and a'."
Peking, "St. Andrew's Society send cordial greetings Brither Scots."
Tientsin, "Lang may yer lums reek."
Soerabaya, "Greetings" Murray and Ross.
Shanghai, "Scotland for ever."
W. Nicholson, "Here tae ye."
Dr. Black, "Greetings."
J. Reid, "Hearty greetings."
A. O. Lang, "Hearty good wishes."
McCubbin and Kinnaird, "Hearty greetings Brother Scots."
Lord Elibank, "Brother Scots s.s. *Morea* greetings."
Sneddon, "A' Brither Scots send hearty greetings Scotland for ever."
Dyer, "A good St. Andrew's day to you David."
Carmichael Worthing, "Greetings from Brother Scots Worthing."
Batavia, "Greetings frae Brither Scots."
Foochow, "Brither Scots at Foochow heartily reciprocate greetings."

AT THE CENOTAPH.

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY.

At the Cenotaph yesterday morning Mr. D. Templeton, Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society, laid a wreath at the base of the monument. It was a St. Andrew's cross in a circular frame of white flowers.

Those at the Cenotaph included Mr. A. K. Henderson, Vice-President; Mr. A. Ritchie and Mr. E. M. Bryden, Joint Hon. Secretaries; and Messrs. C. M. Shaw, R. Sutherland, B. Wylie, K. E. Greig, Peter Tod, H. M. McTavish, W. A. Stuart, J. D. Kinnaird and H. L. Carson.

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SIR BASIL ZAHAROFF RETIRING.

MYSTERY MAN OF FINANCE.

WORLD'S RICHEST MAN?

Sir Basil Zaharoff, so long known as the "mystery man" of international finance, has decided to retire from active business, says the *Daily Mail*. He intends to spend most of his time at his villa at Monte Carlo.

His retirement is due to age—he is 77—and has been hastened through the sorrow caused by the death of his wife last year.

Many of the stories of his vast financial operations and the influence he exerted in international politics were no doubt born of the mystery which his fierce dislike of any form of publicity created, but enough truth remained to establish him as one of the great international figures of the present generation.

He is of Greek descent, but became a naturalised Frenchman. The generally accepted story of the origin of his fortune is that he rendered certain services to Messrs. Vickers' agent in Petrograd half a century ago which brought him to the notice of the great armament firm, and that by obtaining great orders for them he secured the necessary introduction to the world of finance.

His holdings subsequently embraced vast oil and steel properties in many parts of the world and banking interests in Great Britain, France, Italy, and many other countries.

World's Sleeping Partner.

He has been described at different times as

The richest man in the world;
The most international man in the world; and
The sleeping-partner of the world.

His gifts to public institutions have been generous. They include the establishment of chairs of aviation in British and French universities and considerable endowments for the study and encouragement of literature. He is reputed to be worth £20,000,000.

EVERY TOWNSMAN AT A FUNERAL.

100 TAKE TURNS TO CARRY THE COFFIN.

EXETER.

In accordance with an ancient burial custom every man in Tiverton, Devonshire, took part in the funeral of John Norrish.

The coffin was carried over three miles, the journey ending with a rise of 500 feet to the parish church.

More than a hundred men acted as bearers in turn.

A STATE OF UNREST.

UNCERTAINTY IN CANTON AND THE DISTRICTS.

PIRACIES AND BRIGANDAGE.

THE CURRENCY PROBLEM.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Canton and Kwangtung generally have not gained by the recent change of Government. Disorder and uncertainty are everywhere rife. There is a good deal of military activity in the district, but not in the direction of suppressing brigandage which is worse than ever. Commercial conditions are bad and the coinage, despite many regulations, is in a state of depreciation.

The Kwangtung Military Authorities are hastily strengthening the defences of the Shiuhing Section of the Canton Delta. So far no serious fighting has taken place. The Kwangsi forces in Wuchow are getting ready to withdraw, and it is not expected that the leaders, headed by General Li Tsai Hsin and Wong Shiu Hung in the South, and General Pei Tsung Hsi and General Li Chung Jen in the East, will stage a "come back" to Canton until every thing is ready and they can more or less count on success. During the absence of members of the Canton Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, military and civil affairs in Canton will be nominally in the hands of General Li Fuk Lam and Mr. Chan Kung Pok.

A resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Kuomintang Provincial Committee at Canton calling on the Central Executive Committee to remove the name of Li Tsai Hsin from the membership list.

A number of military executions took place at Canton on Tuesday and Wednesday, the victims being those convicted of complicity in the incendiarism of last Friday and Saturday when several boarding houses from which the unemployed were ejected were set on fire.

Canton Police are offering $18 a month besides board to workers willing to join the Army as transport coolies, but so far the prospect has attracted very few men.

The Peasant League, an organisation supposed to be controlled by "Reds," yesterday published an appeal to the Canton Government for the suppression of Bolshevism and support of the Kuomintang.

The *Tai Kwong Pao*, a daily paper in Hong Kong, is to be permitted to enter Canton.

Yesterday afternoon the members of the debating team from the University of Oregon now visiting Canton were guests of the acting Canton Mayor at tiffin.

ON THE RIVERS.

Two small river patrol boats fully armed and carrying funds from the Sand Field Revenue Bureau of Suntak and Heungshan were captured by pirates near Sup-luk-sha, West River, according to reports just received. The Canton Authorities are to "look into the matter," as both revenue and launches are expected to be turned over to their Kwangsi opponents.

The shipping of rice from Hong Kong to Canton by junks towed by launches is being resumed, and the last few days have seen the arrival of several shipments. Recently rice has had to be sent by the river steamboats so as to avoid piracy. The freightage on the steamers has, however, been a cause for the high price of rice.

HANDICAPS ON BUSINESS.

Between $3,000,000 and $3,500,000 worth of Canton Central Bank of China notes have found their way to Hong Kong and Macao, and the recent restrictions on their return to Canton by limiting each person to less than $50 on each consignment has caused the notes to depreciate still further. In Hong Kong they are worth only 58 to 62 per cent. of their face value. Merchants and bankers are asking the Canton Authorities to remove the above mentioned restrictions—on these notes. The reason for preventing the return of notes to Canton is to reduce the number of applications for redemption which, are now fixed at a maximum of $100 at a time by any one firm.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

MRS. WU'S RELEASE.

BRITISH CONSUL-GENERAL INTERVENED UNOFFICIALLY.

REPLY TO CRITICISMS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Dr. C. C. Wu, whose wife was for a time imprisoned by the military authorities in Tientsin, has issued a statement to the Chinese Press, explaining that Mrs. Wu is no longer a British subject and that when the British Consul-General in Tientsin interceded on her behalf when she was taken into custody by agents of General Chang Tsung Chang, he did so as a personal matter and on grounds of humanity.

Mrs. Wu, being born in Hong Kong, was a British subject but at the same time she is of Chinese blood and, therefore, might be said to have double-citizenship. But since her marriage to a Chinese subject, according to Dr. Wu, she automatically dropped her British citizenship.

Dr. Wu has made this statement on account of a recent press statement to the effect that Mrs Liao Chung Hoi had criticized Mrs. Wu for attempting to get British protection.

Mrs. Wu, it may be mentioned, is a daughter of the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, a well-known Hong Kong Chinese resident and at one time a member of the Hong Kong Legislative Council.

Dr. J. W. Jamieson, the British Consul-General in Tientsin, is a personal friend of Dr. and Mrs. Wu. Dr. Jamieson was for many years in charge of the British Consulate-General at Canton, where Dr. and Mrs. Wu spent many years being prominently identified with Kuomintang activities.

Mrs. Wu was released by the Tientsin authorities a fortnight ago and is now safety home at Shanghai.

By order of the Authorities in Canton, all new commercial enterprises have to give preference to former strikers when taking on employees. So the Public Employment Agency has received practically no applications for workers. The recent incendiarism has not predisposed the public in the strikers' favour, quite apart from their previous record. It is said that some 2,000 unemployed seamen have left Canton for Hong Kong.

A special commission which has been investigating the accounts of the Kwangtung Section of the Canton-Hankow Railroad has found that the retiring manager, Mr. T. T. Lee, "has not shown sufficient care" in managing the funds of the concern. The Provincial Authorities are considering further action.

UNPLEASANT.

Night soil coolies in Canton, while refusing to continue work on behalf of their employers, are continuing on their own account; but their employers have withdrawn the boats and carts. The strike of night soil coolies and the similar action of undertakers' assistants have not improved conditions in Canton. The Police, under General Chu Fai Fat, are likely to undertake a pretty drastic intervention despite their supposedly "Red" sympathies.

The three fires in Canton on Monday and Tuesday destroyed altogether 88 apartments. Eleven were at Western Suburb, two at Chen-tong, and 25 at Honam.

Owing to military requirements trains between Canton and Shiukwan on the Canton-Hankow Line (Kwangtung Section) have not yet been able to run to schedule.

IN THE DISTRICTS.

A state of terrorism is reported from the Lukfung district where the "Reds" have got the upper hand. Those refusing to join their ranks are liable to be killed and have their land and personal possessions taken away from them. Non-members of the Kuomintang have been killed in considerable numbers the casualties since November 11th having been as many as a hundred a day. Though they call themselves "Reds", the perpetrators of these outrages are really brigands out for personal enrichment.

In addition to the proposed water works the merchants of Sunning are talking of having an automatic telephone system. When completed, it will be, they say, the best system of its kind in South China.

In the north-eastern part of the Province people do not know whether it is better to keep provincial banknotes or coins. The coins as minted by local militarists are exceptionally bad, while reports state that the notes are steadily depreciating. Most of the inhabitants believe that the best thing to save up is rice.

Inhabitants in Woping are still looking to Canton for help. Evidently they still seem to think that there is a viceroy to appeal to in times of distress.

STRANGE MURDER CHARGE.

FATHER KILLS SICK DAUGHTER.

MAD THEN AND NOW SANE.

A very strange case was opened yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. W. Schofield when a Chinese was charged with the murder of his 15-year old daughter. Prisoner cut the girl's throat with a razor, but when arrested he was found to be insane. He was confined in hospital, and recently the doctor pronounced the man was sane enough to stand his trial. The outcome of this case is watched with interest by a large section of the Chinese community as well as by the legal profession.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted and the defendant was not legally represented.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that the defendant was living with his wife and child (the murdered girl) at No. 88, Canton Road, Kowloon. Defendant was a tallyman at the Kowloon Godowns. The family was living quite happily until September 16th, when the daughter fell ill. A doctor was called in to attend to the girl two days later, and diagnosed that she was suffering from typhoid fever.

The defendant apparently became morose and did not venture out of the house from that day. On September 21st, the girl passed through a very critical time and the defendant had her on his knees throughout the night. He appeared to be very upset and wept bitterly. Both the neighbours and his wife would testify as to the man's concern about to his daughter.

The next day, defendant took all his wife's jewellery and placed it in the care of a friend. This was done because he seemed to fear that his wife would pawn it and use the money for prayer-offerings to the gods. On September 23rd defendant went out for the first time since his daughter was taken ill. He returned to the house at 6 p.m. when he found that his wife had not kept any food for him. He then went out again presumably to get a meal at a restaurant.

Night Of The Tragedy.

The next day he spent most of his time out of the house and returned at 4 p.m. The family retired for the night at about 9 p.m., and at about mid-night, the wife was awakened. She found that her daughter was bleeding profusely and on examination she found that her throat had been cut. On the floor was the defendant who also had a cut in his throat. Both father and daughter were immediately taken to the hospital, but the girl died shortly after admission.

The father was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where, on examination, he was found to be insane. He was kept there until recently when the medical officer found that he had recovered his full senses.

The case was remanded until December 6th.

THE WO HONG WO SOCIETY.

THREATS AND INITIATORY RITES.

INTIMIDATOR GOES TO GAOL.

A Chinese after being entertained at a boarding house in Connaught Road, was made to worship an idol prior to being taken into the ranks of the Wo Hong Wo society. The ceremony being concluded, his sponsor, a Mongkok Chinese, broached the question of a fee of $12, pointing out that there would be dire consequences if the man failed to pay.

The victim meekly agreed to pay the money the following day, but in the meantime sought the help of the police. The sponsor did not appear at the appointed time but sent a friend, with a letter, to receive the money. This man was arrested by the police, whom he referred to the original party to the deal.

The Mongkok man and his friend both appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of intimidation. He admitted writing a letter to get the money but said that it was in the nature of a loan. This statement was disbelieved, and the Magistrate sentenced him to three months' imprisonment. There was not sufficient evidence to convict the intermediary and he was discharged.

CLAIM AGAINST CHINESE DOCTOR.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE

LOANS AND STOCK EXCHANGE DEALS.

An interesting case came before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the Summary Court yesterday, when Mr. J. M. Xavier, of 9, Chi Wo Street, second floor, Yaumati, sued Dr. T. P. Woo, medical practitioner, of 34, Queen's Road Central, for $790 lent under an I.O.U.

Plaintiff conducted his own case, and defendant was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby.

Giving evidence, plaintiff said that he was formerly a broker, but now a merchant. He produced an I.O.U. which was given to him by the defendant in 1925 just before the crash on the share market. He was a broker, but not a member of any Exchange at that time. He was a shareholder, however, and the defendant was a client.

Plaintiff said that he had no books. Defendant asked for a loan and gave the I.O.U. to cover it. He had repeatedly asked for repayment, but had received no satisfaction. The I.O.U. had no connection with share dealings.

The Loan.

Mr. Loseby put it to plaintiff that he had never loaned money to Dr. Woo at any time but plaintiff maintained that he had.

Plaintiff said that a short time ago he issued another writ against the defendant in respect of money lent. He had lent him other sums including $41,000 (in April, 1925) by cheque. This was in connection with the share transaction for "carrying over" shares. The $41,000 was still owing.

His Lordship asked how many I.O.U.'s altogether, signed by the defendant, were held by the plaintiff?

Plaintiff answered that there were eighteen additional ones not sued upon. Only one of these was for a cash loan, the amount being $520.

No Books.

With regard to the plaintiff's admission that he kept no books, Mr. Loseby asked if plaintiff considered it satisfactory that as a broker that no books were kept?

Plaintiff: It depends on the amount of business done.

Mr. Loseby produced documents which he alleged were purchase notes in respect of 1,000 Hong Kong "Trams" and 1,000 "Hotels" and asked if they represented purchases by the plaintiff on the defendant's behalf?

Plaintiff replied that they did not represent purchases but merely a loan.

His Lordship: I do not want to intervene unnecessarily, but the cross-examination seems quite out of line with the claim.

Mr. Loseby said he would like to file a counter-claim, but his Lordship replied he could not consider that at such a stage.

Referring to the purchase documents, it was stated by plaintiff that they referred to 1,000 odd Hong Kong Hotel shares and 1,000 Tramway Company shares.

His Lordship: Do I understand that you, when these documents were issued, had these shares?—Yes.

You held these shares against a loan on June Settlement Day?

Mr. Loseby: I am suggesting that the whole of the claim is a fraud.

Defendant In The Box.

Defendant, giving evidence, said that he was a registered medical practitioner. He signed the I.O.U. in question in 1926 or 1927 and not in 1925 and gave it on a sale transaction for 1,000 "Trams" and 1,000 "Hotels." As defendant could not pay the amount involved, which was about $54,000, plaintiff agreed to advance him the money on the shares, defendant to pay interest.

Defendant declared that the I.O.U. in question represented two months' interest on the amount mentioned. He was in the habit of paying monthly but if unable to he gave an I.O.U. The interest totalled $545 per month.

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FROM THE POLICE COURTS.

ROBBED A SLEEPING PASSENGER.

While a Chinese woman passenger on the s.s. *Kwong Fook Cheong* was sleeping, another woman went through her pockets and transferred into her own waist $89. However she awakened the sleeper who found the woman seated on the deck. When a member of the crew forced the woman to stand up the wad of notes slipped out of one of the legs of her trousers.

These facts were stated in evidence when the woman was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with theft of the money. She was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

A YOUNG PICKPOCKET.

Charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with taking $4 from the pocket of a Chinese who was watching a marriage ceremony in Caine Road, a boy alleged that he was forced into saying that he took the money from a man whom the Chinese detective was unable to produce.

The detective's story that the owner of the money moved away while he was engaged in chasing the boy was accepted, and the lad was ordered twelve strokes with the rattan.

THEFT OF MOTOR CAR PARTS.

A watch kept by plain clothes men at Statue Square where numerous thefts have recently taken place of tools and other accessories of motor cars parked near the Hong Kong Club led to the arrest of a Chinese alleged to have been at work unscrewing some parts of a car.

At the Central Police Station, the man, it is alleged, admitted complicity in previous thefts, some stolen parts being found in his house.

A plea of guilty was tendered by prisoner when charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday with attempted theft. As there may be further charges against the defendant, he was remanded in police custody.

DUTIABLE WINE.

A junk master and his two *fokis* who were charged with having in their possession 100 jars of shamshui on which duty had not been paid were yesterday discharged at the Kowloon Magistracy by Mr. W. Schofield. Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the defence. The wine was also ordered to be returned to the defendants and that they should pay duty on it.

His Lordship asked Mr. Loseby if it was part of his case that Dr. Woo was bound by the documents produced.

Mr. Loseby: Yes, defendant is bound by them.

His Lordship said that, even assuming Dr. Woo's account was correct, it did not constitute a defence. Dr. Woo had said that the consideration for the document sued upon was not the consideration alleged by the plaintiff but at the same time he said that there was a consideration under different circumstances.

Mr. Loseby said that he had thought that the writ was merely a mistake and that the plaintiff, recognising this, would have asked leave to amend it, whereupon he (Mr. Loseby) would have put in his counter-claim or application regarding "splitting," but the plaintiff's adherence had somewhat taken him by surprise.

Further cross-examined, Dr. Woo said he had never at any time borrowed the sum claimed.

Plaintiff also questioned Dr. Woo as to payments defendant alleged he had made by cheque to plaintiff in 1925, 1926, and 1927. Defendant admitted later that there were no cheque payments in 1926 or 1927, but maintained that there had been in 1925.

The Judgment.

Giving judgment, after legal argument had taken place, His Lordship said that both parties were agreed that the sums named in the contracts, dated May 26th, 1925, became a loan between them after June settlement day, 1925. Interest became payable on the loan at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

He found, in accordance with Dr. Woo's evidence, that the I.O.U. was a document given by him during 1926 in respect of the interest. Judgment would be for the plaintiff, with costs.

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SANITARY BOARD, FOOD PRICES AND MUSSOLINI.

WE were interested to find, upon reading the discussion regarding food prices in Hong Kong, that there were so many ardent admirers of MUSSOLINI among the members of the Sanitary Board. "I wish," sighed Dr. KOCH, "that we could deal with these matters in the way that Italy deals with them. The Government fix the prices in each district. A list is posted up in each grocery, butcher's and fruit shop, and if a customer is overcharged or gets false weight he complains to the police and a heavy fine, or even imprisonment, is inflicted if the charge is proved." What a delightfully happy, carefree place for the housekeeper Italy must be. "In my opinion," cried Mr. WONG KWONG TIN, "the only solution of the problem of high food prices lies in price control. The time has come for legislation to provide for fair prices. . . . I will introduce at the next meeting a motion that this Board recommends legislation to provide for the regulation and control of food prices within the markets." We would ask these gentlemen to beware and to proceed with a certain amount of caution. MUSSOLINI methods may be regarded as admirable by those whom they do not handicap, but there are two sides to all these questions and it must be remembered that legislation cannot be introduced to suit one section of the community at the expense of another; it must apply to all and sundry with strict impartiality and, in any case, it has been found by bitter experience that the arbitrary control of prices in any department of commercial activity is a thorny and very difficult path to tread. And what about Government interference, Government regulations and Government red-tape. These are favourite topics of conversation and during a residence of a considerable number of years on this little island we have heard some very harsh criticisms levelled against the Authorities on these heads. To invoke Government assistance and to ask for legislation on undefined lines as a kind of sovereign remedy for all ills is somewhat naive way of solving a problem which obviously needs very careful consideration. It seems to show a paucity of ideas and is certainly not in accordance with the dignity of such a body as the Sanitary Board. We can sympathise with Mr. WONG KWONG TIN when he says that committees are of little use. We also have known committees which have not been particularly helpful but the fault generally lies with the committee and not with the system of appointing them. When many details have to be thrashed out it is essential that they should be thrashed out by a committee chosen for the purpose. It is a good move for the Sanitary Board to appoint a committee to consider the question of market-rents and their relation, if any, to food prices. When they have considered the subject in all its aspects and have arrived at some definite conclusion it will be their duty to make a report to the Board as a whole. If their opinions are endorsed by the Board and it is agreed that necessary reforms cannot be effected without legislation it would then be the Board's duty to press the Government to introduce the necessary measures.

Too much legislation, especially if it is enacted hurriedly, is not good for us. A very responsible business man came to us yesterday complaining of the noises in the Colony and particularly in Kowloon at night-time. He asked that we should advocate the passing of an Ordinance whereby it would be a penal offence for people to carry on a conversation at the top of their voices with open casements. His slumbers, he said, had also been disturbed frequently by parties playing mah-jong without some covering on the table to deaden the rattle of the mah-jong pieces. He wanted it to be made a crime for people to play mah-jong after 10 p.m. without a table cloth. He was perfectly serious and doubtless he had suffered a great deal from lack of consideration on the part of his neighbours. But he is a kind hearted man and when we pointed out that it might be a great hardship to prevent worthy citizens from playing a friendly game simply because they could not afford a table-cloth he admitted that he had not considered the question from that aspect. MUSSOLINI's methods may be all very well on occasions, but we do not want them introduced too frequently in Hong Kong.

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H.M.S. *Titania's* ship's company are holding a dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant to-night, at nine o'clock.

"Ladies' Night" will be held at the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, this evening, and an attractive programme has been arranged.

"The Quaints" open their short season at the Theatre Royal to-night, when they will present "The Blue Train," which will be repeated to-morrow.

H.M. the King has been pleased to approve of the grant of the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. Alfred George Passmore, late Chief Warder, Prison Department, Hong Kong.

The annual sale of roses on behalf of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be held to-day, and on Sunday the 44th annual Al Fresco Fete on behalf of the same worthy Society will be held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral compound.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. W. Goldenberg, manager of Messrs. N. S. Moses & Co., of the theft from an unlocked drawer in their office of two cases of fountain pens and silver pencils, and a manicure set, of a total value of $250.

A coolie with over one year's service with Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., pleaded guilty at the Magistracy yesterday to the theft from his employers of three bottles of furniture and floor polish. The man was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment.

The next meeting of the St. John's Cathedral Branch of the Church of England Men's Society will be held next Tuesday, at 8 p.m., in the Cathedral Hall. The speaker will be the Rev. A. D. Stewart, M.A., and the subject will be "Christ, the Politician."

The next annual Flower Show of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society has been fixed for February 23rd, 1928.

A sale of Work done by the Blind will be held in the Helena May Institute on Tuesday, December 6th, 1927, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mrs. J. R. Wood has kindly consented to open the sale.

Malay fishermen sighted two sharks on north beach at Penang last week. They gave chase and fired several shots at the sharks which, however, escaped in the direction of Tanjong Yokong.

A Chinese coolie was fined $25 or one month's hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday morning on a charge of stealing two and a half pounds of sugar from the Naval Hospital at Kowloon.

A very enjoyable concert was given at St. Patrick's Club on Tuesday night, the following local artistes contributing to a very fine and well varied programme:—Prof. E. Gualdi, Father Riganti, Mrs. R. Sanger, Mr. Li Chor Chi, Mr. J. Braga, Mr. N. Botelho, Mr. M. A. Baptista, Chief Shipwright Rockey, Mr. G. D'Aquino, Mr. E. D'Aquino, St. Joseph's Choir, and "Nobby Grant."

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce has replied to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce on the question of trade improvement, which representatives of the respective associations were considering yesterday evening, Mr. Ip Lan Chuan, General Secretary of the Chinese Chamber, said that the letter has been given to his assistants for translation when it will be placed before the Committee. The letter would probably be published later.

OBITUARY.

J. M. G. PEREIRA.

OLD RESIDENT LAID TO REST.

The funeral of Mr. J. M. G. Pereira took place at the Catholic Cemetery on Tuesday and was conducted by Bishop H. Valtorta assisted by the Rev. Father G. M. Spada, Rev. Father F. R. Noval, Rev. Father L. Rossi and the other Fathers of the Italian, French, and Spanish Missions.

The pall bearers were Messrs. G. Botelho, J. Baptista, F. L. Marques and V. F. Soares.

Among other present were Messrs. F. M. P. de Graça, P. M. U. da Silva, J. K. Shaw, Chev. J. M. Alves, A. Baptista, J. M. de Graca, A. Baptista, A. J. C. da Rocha, V. F. V. Ribeiro, The Lady Superior Rev. Sister Paul and the Sisters of the French Convent and Orphanage, the Sisters of the Italian Convent, and many friends from the Portuguese community.

Wreaths were laid on the grave from Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Fire and Canton Insurance, The Staff of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., F. M. O. da Graca, K. A. Mason, J. K. Shaw, Miss C. M. Gousalves, Mrs. E. Antonio, and Mr. and Mr. J. M. P. da Silva.

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ANNUAL SHOW FIXED FOR FEBRUARY 23RD.

The annual show of flowers and vegetables, under the auspices of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society, has been fixed for Thursday, February 23rd.

The following have been elected members of the committee of the Horticultural Society for the ensuing year:—Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Dyer, Messrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, H. Green, F. C. Hall, Ho Kom Tong, F. A. Perry, E. L. Sim and J. P. Robinson.

THE QUAINTS.

OPENING PERFORMANCE THIS EVENING.

"The Quaints" are opening to-night at the Theatre Royal and will present "The Blue Train." This musical comedy, with its gorgeous dresses and new scenery, is admitted to be one of the finest productions brought to the Far East and it has certainly been the most successful of the various plays presented by the Quaints on their present tour.

It drew crowded houses in Shanghai and it is expected to do the same in Hong Kong particularly as there will only be two performances. The Quaints will give "The Blue Train" to-night and to-morrow (Friday) and will then leave for the South.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

MONEY AND CANTON BONDS STOLEN.

ONE ARREST.

A daring highway robbery was committed at about 8.30 last night in Connaught Road West. Three men accosted a Chinese who had in his possession $1,500 in Hong Kong notes and $2,000 worth of Canton National Bonds. The man was forced to hand over all the money to the gang who quickly dispersed.

The victim soon raised a hue and cry, which brought the police onto the scene and a man, believed to be a member of the gang, was arrested.

ARMED ROBBERY CHARGE.

RAID ON PIECE GOODS STORE.

GANG WITH REVOLVERS.

The sequel to the armed robbery carried out at the Chun Hing Piece Goods Store, at 129, Queen's Road Central, on November 14th, was heard yesterday when two of the alleged robbers were charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy.

From the evidence of the assistant manager of the store it appeared that the two defendants, with another man who is not in custody, after choosing some piece goods valued at about $105, left the store at about 7 p.m. saying that they would return to take them away later.

At 9 p.m. the store closed and shortly after, the three defendants knocked at the door and asked for their goods. The door was opened to them, but once inside, they produced revolvers and drove the shop assistants into an inner room. The robbers tied up their victims, nine in all, and cut the telephone wires. They then ransacked the safe and the drawers in the counter and took away $5,180 in all. Before leaving the premises, they barricaded the door of the inner room so as to prevent the *fokis* raising the alarm.

Later two of the *fokis* succeeded in freeing themselves and breaking the barricade. They raised an alarm, which brought neighbours to free the others, and made a report to the Police with the result that the two defendants were arrested.

The case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

A WARM RECEPTION.

A PIG DEALER'S EXPERIENCE.

PUNCHED IN THE MOUTH AND ROBBED.

Wong Wah Yun, a young Chinese pig dealer from Kwang Chow Wan, was accorded a warm reception by a certain Lo Piu when he came into the Colony on Tuesday. Wong, however, resented the attention paid him by Lo and the result was that both were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Wong's story to the Magistrate was that he brought a number of pigs into the Colony which he sold for $377. He was taking this money to an exchange shop to get it converted into Chinese currency, when Lo came up from behind and struck him on the mouth. While he was staggering under the blow Lo snatched the roll of notes out of his hand.

With a broad grin on his face, Lo turned round and said "Well, countryman, let us play "catchers," I'll run with your notes and you chase me." Wong, however, wisely attracted the attention of District Watchman No. 4, who ran after Lo and caught him, and to his surprise, the captured thief put a wad of notes into his hand. He took Lo and the notes to the Police Station. On the way Lo gave another bundle of notes to the watchman. The notes when counted at the Station amounted in all to $275, and still another $60 was brought into the charge room by Wong who said that he had retrieved it at the spot where he was knocked on the mouth.

Lo was charged with snatching and with offering bribes to the Watchman. The Magistrate said that he would hear the case on Friday afternoon.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, forecast and remarks issued at 8 p.m. stated:—

The anti-cyclone over Manchuria has weakened. The anti-cyclone over China appears to be moving eastward. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. Coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast:—East winds, fresh to moderate, fine.

A CHINESE SEANCE.

UNCANNY CEREMONIAL.

HOW PROFESSIONAL MEDIUMS WORK.

DEAD MAN'S REQUESTS TO RELATIVES.

[BY O. L. C.]

Spiritualism, I understand, has been believed in by the Chinese from days immemorial. The practice is as old as the country itself, and from the time of the Han Dynasty until this day, professional mediums have been employed by relatives to invoke their departed ones from the nether world to tell their sufferings and hardships, so that those who are living may burn the correct offerings to the gods to soften the lot of the departed.

The other day I was invited by a Chinese friend to attend a seance. In the room were seated the mother, father, two brothers and one sister of the deceased who was the eldest son of the family and had died eight years ago. An elderly Chinese woman, entirely a stranger to the family, was brought in by a friend. She was asked to summon the spirits of certain persons whose names were given.

In the same room were also several friends and these were introduced to the medium as the relatives of the spirit to be summoned. The medium called for a pair of "red" joss candles, a dish of uncooked rice and a few incense sticks. After lighting the candles and incense sticks, she began a weird chant. After about five minutes she appeared to be in a trance and remained so without uttering a single word for some twenty minutes.

Suddenly she called out "Ah Pa" (father) and at the same time her hand reached out for a grain of rice, which she threw at the father of the departed boy. Then the medium threw grains of rice in turn at the mother, then at the brothers and sister. She did not address any of the friends present although she had been told that they were the relatives of the deceased.

The spirit then began to talk to his father and mother through the medium. Questions were asked as to the cause of his death, and how old were his brothers and sisters at that time. To all these questions, the spirit talking through the medium, gave answer, and, according to the family, the answers were all correct.

A Ship And A Motor Car—Of Paper.

Then began a tale of how "he" was suffering in the other world and that he would require a ship, a motor-car, twenty pieces of clothing, a gold watch and chain to be burnt to him, and that they must be burned at a certain section of the street at Shaukiwan.

The whole thing was extraordinarily uncanny, especially when the spirit was telling its sorrows. The women were weeping loudly, and just as the spirit was about to depart, the medium raised her weird voice in a dialect, which the Chinese believe, is used in the "other world."

Accordingly, a paper ship, very much resembling a river steamer, a model motor-car, clothing and a watch and chain were ordered from a joss-paper shop the next day and taken to the spot mentioned where they were burnt.

Chinese Opinions Of The Medium.

Following up what I have seen, I asked several Chinese their opinion of these professional mediums. Some held the belief that these mediums had sold their souls to the Devil in exchange for the power to call up spirits where and when they liked. It was also stated that mediums throughout the year carry pieces of skulls in their pockets.

The more sceptical are of the opinion that the mediums are frauds who exploit the superstitions and credulity of the women. Asked as to how the medium could pick out the father, mother and other members of the dead man's family among a dozen or so of friends, a very matter of fact explanation was given. It was stated that when the medium was supposed to fall into a trance often lasting over twenty minutes, she employed the time scanning the faces of those present, and being a pretty clever psychologist, and experienced in this sort of thing she would *not* be find it hard to tell from the faces which were relatives. Mothers and fathers could easily be guessed by their age, and sisters and brothers by their expressions when the departed brother was about to speak to them. Friends present would, of course, be unconcerned. However, clever as this seemed it is not wholly convincing.

Whether or no they are frauds, mediums in China are certainly not overpaid. To call up a spirit only costs a dollar or so, and it was stated that there are about a thousand women making their living by these practices in Hong Kong alone.

FENG CLAIMS A BIG VICTORY.

SHANTUNG ARMY SAID TO BE ROUTED.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN SHANGHAI.

CHIANG KAI SHEK AND THE FOURTH KUOMINTANG CONFERENCE.

Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang claims a big success over the Shantung troops in Eastern Honan, and announces that he has annihilated the Shantung forces opposed to him. This is by no means out of harmony with recent reports of divisions in the Northern camp and quarrels between Sun Chuan Fang and Chang Tsung Chang.

Beyond this there is very little news from the various war fronts, but at Shanghai Communist activity is in evidence and a number of Post Office and Tramway employees are said to be on strike.

Negotiations for the 4th Kuomintang Conference are in progress and Hankow is raising a number of difficulties. Chiang Kai Shek who is to be married to-day to Miss Soong Mei Ling is expected to attend—but his future movements are uncertain though the latest announcement is a honeymoon trip to Europe and America.

FENG CLAIMS BIG SUCCESS.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30th.

A telegram from Chengchow, Honan, claims that Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's troops won an important victory against the Shantung army on November 26th in Eastern Honan. It is stated that the Shantung army operating in that district was annihilated.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TAI YUAN OCCUPIED.

PEKING, Nov. 30th.

A message from Tai Yuan announces that 2,500 of Feng Yu Hsiang's troops arrived there to-day and established a brigade headquarters, issuing proclamations in the name of the Kuominchun. Reinforcements for the Shansi army are expected in the Niangtzekuan district shortly.

HSUCHOWFU STILL IN NORTHERN HANDS.

PEKING, Nov. 30th.

It is officially stated that several telegrams have been received from Marshal Chang Tsung Chang from Hsuchowfu declaring that all is quiet there and proving that the Southerners have not occupied that town as has been claimed.

IN FUKIEN.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30th.

The 11th Kuomintang Army Corps, under General Chen Ming Shiu has been in action at Chuenchow with troops under the command of General Koo Yeh. General Chen is sending another three regiments to the front. Fighting is said to be still in progress.

Mr. Li Chie, the representative of Generals Wang Shiu Hung and Chen Chai Tong has asked for help from General Chen Ming Shiu, the dictator of Fukien, to carry out a counter-attack on Canton. General Chen has promised to depatch a certain amount of troops to Eastern Kwangtung as soon as the Fukien province has been cleared of opponents.

CHIANG KAI SHEK'S ROMANCE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30th.

General Chiang Kai Shek's marriage to Miss Soong Mei Ling takes place to-morrow at the Tai Wah Hotel, Shanghai. They will stay for the 4th Kuomintang Conference and then leave for a honeymoon tour in Europe and America.

SERIOUS STRIKE TROUBLE IN SHANGHAI.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30th.

There is great Communist activity in Shanghai at the present time, and agitators are doing their best to foment another strike. They have met with some success as a number of Post Office and Tramway Company employees stopped work yesterday and the situation is even more serious to-day.

HANKOW MAKING TROUBLE.

(Wah Tsz Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, Nov. 30th.

A lengthy telegram has been received at Nanking from the Hankow Government defining its attitude towards the coming 4th Kuomintang Conference. They severely criticise Mr. Wang Ching Wei's proposals with regard to setting up a Central Government and insist that while the Conference is in progress all Government functions, civil and military, should continue to be exercised by the authorities set up by the Special Commission, although they agree to the Special Commission itself being abolished. They stipulate that executious for political offences should be only carried out, during this period, by order of the Central Kuomintang.

IN THE WUHAN DISTRICT.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

HANKOW, Nov. 29th.

It is reported that Fang Tsen Wu has now concentrated his troops in the vicinity of Tei-anfu, and that he has severed his connections with Feng Yu Hsiang.

The position of Yang Sen is not too secure. However, reports on the military situation between Shasi and Wanhsien are conflicting. The Nationalists are reported to be negotiating with Ho Chien. The native city is quiet and there is no apparent anti-foreign feeling. The labour union is endeavouring to force the British Cigarette Co. to restart work at their Hankow factory with the ultimate object of enforcing unreasonable demands.

The disputes between Chen Chien and Li Chung Jen have not been settled.

JAPAN AND MANCHURIA.

BARON YOSHIZAWA CONTRADICTS YANG YU TING'S SUGGESTIONS.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT NO AGGRESSION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, Nov. 30th.

Baron Yoshizawa, the Japanese Minister to Peking in a statement to foreign correspondents, said that he was astounded at General Yang Yu Ting's references to the Morgan loan.

Japan was perfectly entitled to raise money abroad when she considered it expedient.

Since the war with Russia she had spent a tremendous amount of money in Manchuria which had been a very profitable policy for the Chinese.

The present Japanese Government desired still further to develop Manchuria economically and hence negotiations started some time ago between himself and General Yang Yu Ting on behalf of Marshal Chang Tso Lin.

While he was not at liberty to give details of these he might say that they concerned the construction of certain railway lines. These were matters of a purely local character. There was absolutely no question of Japanese aggression, territorial or otherwise.

With regard to the statement by General Yang Yu Ting that the loan from America was to be used for extending the railway from Kirin towards the Korean border. Baron Yoshizawa said that he was not aware that this was so.

Despite General Yang Yu Ting's stigmatizing as a fabrication the Japanese reports that an agreement with Manchuria was almost complete he (Baron Yoshizawa) hoped that the negotiations with regard to all outstanding matters would be crowned with success.

WHAT YANG YU TANG SAID.

[General Yang Yu Ting, in the interview in question declared that he did not know whether the American bankers' loan to Japan for the South Manchuria Railway had been signed, but he considered it provocative to the Chinese Government and the Chinese people. They had enough Japanese material to influence Manchuria already without a loan. When the Chinese people learned that the Japanese designs in Manchuria were being supported by American bankers it would antagonise the Chinese people against American bankers and people, so it was very ill-advised for American bankers to court the hostility of the Chinese.]

THE HAYLEY MORRISS DIVORCE.

THE JUDGE'S SCATHING COMMENT.

PETITIONER, WIFE AND CO-RESPONDENT "WORTHLESS."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 29th.

Mr. Hayley Morriss was present (in the Divorce Court) in the custody of a warder. After his evidence, his wife rose to speak from the back of the court, but fainted and was carried outside.

Lord Merrivale, summing up, said adultery between Mrs. Hayley Morriss and the co-respondent was clearly proved. Mr. Hayley Morriss was entitled to ask for the dissolution of the marriage, and damages. He had apparently provided his wife with all necessities. She had had a house and servants.

The Judge read a letter to the husband, in which Mrs. Morriss said "Cheer up darling, don't worry. We shall soon be together again."

The Judge added that the petitioner was worthless, his wife was worthless, and the co-respondent was worthless. "They are all involved in a common degradation, which makes it a burlesque to come to a court of justice and ask for damages."

BRITISH INTERESTS IN IRAK.

IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, Nov. 29th.

Jafar Pasha, the Prime Minister of Irak, who had left London on Sunday to return to Baghdad, has been recalled by King Feisal, in connection with discussions now in progress with the British Government upon the future relations of Britain and Irak.

THE DISARMAMENT PROBLEM.

TWENTY-SIX NATIONS CONFERRING.

BUSY PRELIMINARIES AT GENEVA.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 30th.

Twenty-six nations including for the first time delegates of all the Great Powers are represented on the Preparatory Disarmament Commission which opens its fourth session at Geneva to-day. Earlier in the year the Commission was engaged on drafting questions that might serve as a basis for the main conference.

In absence of an agreement work on the draft was delayed and will not be resumed until the present meeting has reviewed the present position and has considered the appointment of a security committee as recommended by the eighth meeting of the Assembly of the League of Nations.

The Assembly's resolution urged that such a committee should be charged with the study under the direction of the Commission of the best methods of giving all countries the guarantees of arbitration and security necessary to enable them to fix the level of their armaments at the lowest possible figure.

KERN ENGLISH INTEREST.

English newspapers generally are devoting much attention to the proceedings at Geneva and display a unanimous desire both for economy and the less materialistic reason that a specific progress on international basis shall be made towards limiting armaments. As for Britain's share, it is recognised that acting independently of all international agreements Britain has made sweeping reductions in her armed forces during recent years.

On land she immediately cancelled conscription when the war ended and has since reduced her army. On sea in spite of Imperial commitments and duties in all parts of the world her forces have been reduced to an unprecedented extent.

SCENE IN THE GLASS HALL.

Elaborate Precautions.

GENEVA, Nov. 30th.

The Preparatory Disarmament Conference opened at 11.15 this morning the Glass Hall being packed, Jonkheer Loudon (Holland), presiding. Remarkable precautions were taken not a single car being allowed to be parked in the court yard of the Secretariat building which is usually full of cars. The street running parall to the Hall was closed to the public who were excluded from the Hall.

Besides the United States the Soviet of Russia and twenty-four Governments were represented at the conference.

Jonkheer Loudon in his opening speech hoped that all delegates would cordially cooperate in the task of the conference of forming a sub-committee to deal with the problems of security and arbitration.

Mon. Politis was elected Vice-President.

BRITAIN AND PEACE.

THE SAFETY MARGIN.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

Speaking in London, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, said that peace had always been, as it was to-day, the greatest interest of this country.

No country in the world had done so much as we, to try and preserve peace and reduce armaments. We had reduced the British margin of safety, having regard to the needs of our Empire, nearly to vanishing point.

We had not so much by our words as by our deeds proved the sincerity of our efforts to preserve peace, but there did come a point when to carry disarmament further was to place in jeopardy the safety and peace of the country, whose responsibilities had been entrusted to the Government.

SYNTHETIC RUBBER.

GERMAN CLAIM DISCOUNTED.

BRITISH CONSUL'S REPORT TO WHITEHALL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 30th.

Translations of Dr. von Weinberg's speech at Frankfort on Main received by the Department of Overseas Trade from the British Consul-Generals at Frankfort and Cologne discount the importance of the reference to synthetic rubber. Their reports show that Dr. von Weinberg spoke of the production of the elements for synthesis rubber gutta percha.

The *Financial Times* points out that the reports do not mention the very difficult problem of obtaining a material which has the present essential physical and mechanical qualities of natural rubber. It adds that the Dye Trust has informed the Dutch Press that the experiments are still in the initial stage and as yet it is not possible to say whether the production of synthetic rubber will become a commercial proposition."

Equal To Natural Product.

[A *Reuter* telegram of November 13th from Berlin stated that at a meeting of the leaders of the Chemical Industry at Frankfort-on-Main, Dr. von Weinberg, a director of the Dye Trust, stated that the experiments of the Trust for the synthesising of rubber had so far advanced that profitable production would begin in the near future. He declared that the quality of synthetic rubber was equal to the natural product, while the costs of production would enable successful competition in the market with the latter.]

THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA?

CO-OPERATION IN INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO MEET.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

The invitation sent to the Council of the Trades Union Congress by representatives of a large group of employers, to attend a round table conference to discuss the best means of securing peace in industry, will not be formally considered until the meeting of the general council, representing five million workers, on December 20th.

It is stated that the invitation will be accepted, subject to certain limitations on the scope of the conference, which will be the first of its kind in the history of British industry.

The trades unions will suggest that only the broad principles of lasting peace be considered at such conferences, and that as a preliminary step they will request the employers to indicate the measures whereby greater co-operation, securing mutual benefits, can be secured.

OIL COMPETITION IN INDIA.

SHELL GROUP TO COMBINE WITH BURMA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Nov. 29th.

The *Evening Standard* states that important negotiations are occurring in London between the Royal Dutch and Shell group, and the Burma Oil Company, for the amalgamation of their marketing interests in India.

Mr. Debenham, a director of the Royal Dutch company, states that the negotiations are proceeding most satisfactorily, and the fusion will undoubtedly strengthen the position of the both companies in meeting competition by Russian oil in the Indian markets.

It is understood that the agreement will cover the whole of India, except Chittagong and Burma.

BRITISH IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

Addressing shareholders of the Imperial Airways, Sir Eric Geddes, the chairman, mentioned that since January 1st, 1925, to date—almost three years—the company had carried 22,000 passengers, and had flown nearly 2,500,000 miles, without a single accident causing injury to their passengers.

A PALESTINE LOAN.

ISSUED ABOVE PAR.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

Another Overseas loan has made its appearance to-day, underwriting being arranged for the issue of £4,500,000 in 5 per cent. stock of the Palestine Government.

This loan is guaranteed, for both principal and interest, by the British Government.

The price of issue will be 100½ per cent.

THE NEW FORD CAR.

2,000 FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS.

REVOLUTIONARY DESIGN.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, November 30th.

Two thousand daily newspapers carrying full page advertisements herald the appearance of the new Ford car on December 2nd. It is described as a revolutionary design, with a 40 horse-power engine capable of 65 miles an hour. The publication of these details has resulted in keen bidding for shares in the Ford Company of Canada, which have advanced 80 points to $7.15.

ITS PRICE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29th.

It is understood that the price of the new Ford car will be about $500.

[A message from Detroit dated October 24th stated: The first new type Ford car was completed at the end of last week at the Fordson Plant in the presence of Mr. Henry Ford, and his son Mr. Edsel Ford and subsequently placed in the Company's office at Dearborn alongside the 15,000,000th of Model T, which is officially the last of a long line of ancestors of the "flivver" family.

The new Ford car is a strong contrast with the old one. It is smart-looking, low and rakish and will travel fifty miles an hour easily and sixty if pressed. There have already been tentatively ordered 375,000 of the new Models. The company expect eventually to produce 11,000 cars daily against a maximum of 8,000 "flivvers" produced under the old scheme.]

TRANS-ATLANTIC TELEPHONY.

NO REDUCTION IN CHARGES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

The Postmaster General, replying to a question in the House of Commons said the telephone authorities in the United States and he were agreed that it was too early to consider any alteration in the present charge for trans-Atlantic telephone communication.

A suggestion made in the question that the price should be reduced, say on Sundays, so as to make it possible for conversations to be enjoyed between families and friends in Great Britain, Canada and the United States, would be borne in mind.

NEW YORK TO STOCKHOLM.

TELEPHONIC SERVICE INAUGURATED.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, November 30th.

Direct telephonic service between New York and Stockholm has been inaugurated.

INTERFERENCE WITH A JURY.

AMERICAN TRIAL SEQUEL.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, November 30th.

Mr. Sinclair has been served with a citation for Criminal Contempt of Court in connection with interference with the jury in the Fall Sinclair conspiracy trial.

U.S.A. AND TURKEY.

ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON.

HOSTILE PUBLIC FEELING.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29th.

Mukhtar Bey, the new Turkish Ambassador to the United States, has arrived here.

Since landing at New York from the liner *Leviathan*, on November 28th, he has been guarded by detectives, as a State Department precaution against hostile demonstrations, in view of the strong anti-Turkish feeling still apparently existing in the United States owing to the massacres of Armenians during the late war, which has hitherto prevented the Senate from ratifying the Lausanne treaty.

The exchange of Ambassadors now occurring is rendered possible by the special Turco-American agreement signed on February 16th last, as the result of which President Coolidge has exercised his constitutional prerogative in favour of resuming diplomatic relations.

WATERSIDERS STRIKE.

MEN'S UNREASONABLE ATTITUDE.

ARBITRATION AWARDS REJECTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MELBOURNE, Nov. 30th.

Hopes of a settlement of the watersiders dispute have been disappointed. The watersiders refused to accept the owners' terms and a paralysis of shipping all over Australia appears inevitable.

None of the cargo of the P. & O. vessel *Maloja* which arrived from London this morning was unloaded. The vessel will probably go to Sydney where she will be indefinitely tied up.

The Commonwealth lines, the Tasmanian passenger service and the Patrick Company's inter-State cargo service are at present exempt from the trouble.

At Sydney a number of vessels are laid up.

At Brisbane, Hobart and Fremantle the watersiders have refused employment on the terms of the arbitration awards, including overtime work. The watersiders of Sydney definitely decided not to work overtime.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Commonwealth Line Comes To An Agreement.

MELBOURNE, Nov. 29th.

The Commonwealth Shipping Line has concluded an agreement with the Waterside workers' Federation, whereby all Commonwealth liners are to be exempted from any strike. The waterside workers agree to work overtime on Commonwealth liners throughout Australia, if necessary.

It is authoritatively believed that the agreement preludes the calling off of the strike, or at least its suspension until after Christmas, with the resumption of work on normal conditions, including overtime.

AUSTRALIA'S TARIFF.

NEW DUTIES.

QUESTION IN THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 29th.

Questioned in the House of Commons as to the new Australian tariff on iron and steel, particularly the increased duties against British exports of such items as bar iron, iron and steel tubes, and rails, Captain Hacking, the Under Secretary for Overseas Trade, said he was awaiting full details of these new duties and other proposals from the Commonwealth Government and on receipt of this fuller information the question whether any representation to the Commonwealth could usefully be made would be considered.

He added that this country received preference, and would continue to receive preference.

BRITISH EMPIRE TOBACCO.

INCREASING POPULARITY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, Nov. 30th.

Imports into Britain of tobacco grown within the Empire have increased rapidly during the past year amounting in ten months to 34,000,000 lbs. as compared with less than 16,000,000 lbs. in the corresponding period in 1925 and 25,000,000 in the ten months of last year. A primary cause of the increased consumption of Dominions tobaccos up to present is said to be the preference of two shillings in the pound in duty conceded to Empire products.

Rhodesia Nyasaland and Canada are growing tobaccos which are proving increasingly attractive.

THE WORLD'S CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

ALEKHINE DEFEATS CAPABLANCA.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 29th.

The Russian master, Alekhine, has wrested the chess championship of the world from the Cuban exponent, Capablanca, who had been invincible since 1921.

The conditions of the match provided that the title should go to the first winner of six games, and Alekhine has won 6 to Capablanca's 3, after 25 games had been drawn—a total of 34 games before the contest was decided.

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

ADAMSON CUP—NOVEMBER.

The following were the results of the Adamson Cup Competition for November:—

A. Goldenberg (89—16=73) and A. E. Clarke (97—24=73) tie; both qualify for match play stages.

Other scores:—

W. McKay	95—18=77
A. J. W. Dorling	101—20=81
W. H. Edmonds	100—18=82
W. Kent	106—21=85

LADIES' SECTION.

A Shanghai foursomes competition was held over the New Course, Fanling, on Tuesday for prizes presented by Mrs. L. G. S. Dodwell and resulted in a win for Mrs. Whyte-Smith and Mrs. S. B. C. Ross with a score of 92—12=80.

FOOTBALL.

INTERPORT TRIAL GAME.

The Scots Guards went down to a selected side on the H.K.F.C. ground yesterday in the third Interport Practice game, by six goals to two. The forwards showed good combination, especially the Rev. Alexander and Suen Kum Shun on the left wing. All of them knew when and how to shoot and although Jackson was beaten six times, the Guards defence played a good game. Had the Guards forwards accepted the chances offered, they would have run the selected side close.

Vernon of the R.A.F. led the team well and scored two goals. Gosano came out as inside right and beat Jackson twice. The Rev. Alexander got a couple of fine goals.

In the second half, McNiven and Champan scored for the Guards.

The game was keenly contested throughout.

There will not be a practice game next Wednesday.

CRICKET.

HONG KONG ELECTRIC R.C. v. CHINA LIGHT AND POWER R.C.

This friendly match takes place at King's Park on Saturday.

Electric R.C.:—H. F. Akehurst, M. H. Arnold, S. J. Clarke, L. de Rome, T. L. Foster, C. E. Gahagan, H. S. Jones, W. N. H. Murdock, S. J. Stanesby, G. Vickers and J. R. Way (captain).

PING PONG.

All matches of the Ping Pong League have now been played off the Chinese Athletic winning the Championship with an unbeaten record.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. are runners-up, having lost only once to the League Champions.

South China, not having played the last of their matches, have forfeited the third place which now goes to the Hop Ying Club of Kowloon.

The positions in the League table are as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
Chinese Athletic	10	10	0	0	20
Y.M.C.A.	10	9	1	0	18
Hop Ying Club	10	7	3	0	14
University	10	6	3	1	13
South China	10	6	4	0	12
Tutorial	10	4	5	1	9
St. Peter's	10	4	6	0	8
Catholic Y.M.S.	10	4	6	0	8
St. Louis	10	2	8	0	4

CHINESE Y.M.C.A. MEMBERS' TOURNEY.

A Ping Pong Singles Tournament is now open for Senior Members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. A silver cup, which must be won three times before becoming the property of the holder, has been presented to the Association by one of its members. Entries close on December 10th.

YACHTING.

ST. ANDREW'S v. ST. GEORGE'S.

THE ANNUAL SAILING MATCH.

The annual sailing match between the members of St. Andrew's and St. George's Societies takes place at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Saturday.

Teams of six-a-side, have been selected and the match will be sailed in boats of the Heyward Hays, Gael and one-design classes. The morning race is at 11 o'clock, preparatory gun at 10.55. The teams change boats for the afternoon race which will start about 2.30.

It is interesting to note that the Chieftain of St. Andrew's Society and the President of St. George's Society are both yachtsmen and will lead their respective sides.

A bowling match between the two Societies will be played on the Yacht Club green starting at 2.45 p.m. and three rinks have been arranged. There will be a practice game in the morning at 11.30.

Tiffin will be served at the Club House at one o'clock for both yachtsmen and bowlers and other members or subscribers wishing to be present should notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. R. J. Vernall, c/o P.W.D. (Telephone 4592 Central), or Ah Mow at the Club House not later than Friday evening.

SUTCLIFFE AS YORKSHIRE CRICKET CAPTAIN.

HOME AND COLONIAL COMMENT.

Home papers to hand have a good deal to say about the appointment of Sutcliffe as captain of the Yorkshire county cricket team. One of them says:—

It was revealed that the appointment of Herbert Sutcliffe as captain of the Yorkshire cricket team next season was the subject of keen discussion at the meeting of the county committee.

Lord Hawke, who has since stated that he will be loyal to the committee's decision, was not in favour of the proposal, and was also opposed to Sutcliffe being made an amateur.

The voting on this question was 19 against, 5 for. The appointment of Sutcliffe as professional captain was carried by 13 votes to 11.

With regard to the opinion expressed by Jack Hobbs that Rhodes should have been first choice for captaincy, it is understood that the veteran was not anxious to undertake the duties.

Reuter's Capetown correspondent cables that, in reply to a message of congratulation, Sutcliffe, who is at the moment on board the *Kenilworth Castle*, said:—

Sincerest thanks for your congratulations on my appointment to the captaincy of Yorkshire—the biggest honour of my career. It will be my earnest endeavour to emulate the greatest of all Yorkshire captains, Lord Hawke, and I shall try my utmost to uphold the best traditions of Yorkshire and of English cricket.

Australia Says "A Forward Move."

SYDNEY.

A. A. Mailey, the Australian googlie bowler, writing in the *Sun*, says: "Those who have seen cricket in England, especially in the north, will not be surprised to learn of Yorkshire's decision. I shall not be surprised to see other clubs following Yorkshire's lead, although at present most of them are well served. Whether the influence of a professional is as good as that of an amateur remains to be seen."

M. A. Noble, in the same paper, writes: "It seems that the present strenuous times give amateurs little chance of devoting their whole time to cricket, and the only thing to do is to pick those professionals who are fittest to take over captaincies. It is better to have a good professional than an inferior amateur. At the same time, England will regret the passing of the amateur who has given such wonderful skippers as W. G. Grace, A. E. Stoddart, A. C. Maclaren, A. O. Jones, F. S. Jackson, P. F. Warner, A. E. R. Gilligan, and J. W. H. T. Douglas.

"This drastic alteration will be watched with interest, not only in England but also wherever cricket is played. It is a forward move, and Yorkshire can be congratulated on being the first to take this vital step."—*Reuter.*

PARK FOR 1,000 BIG CARS.

QUICK WAY OF REACHING THE DOGS AT WEMBLEY.

STADIUM REVIVAL.

WEMBLEY.

The largest car park near London is being constructed under the walls of the Stadium. It will cover, when completed, something like twenty acres and will accommodate one thousand big motor cars.

Its construction is perhaps the most important piece of work in connection with the transformation of the Stadium and its immediate surroundings for the purposes of grey hound racing.

Already half of the area is laid out in concrete, and devices of modern scientific engineering are employed in removing soil from the rise of ground which used to lead to the lake bridge. The problem of lighting is being solved by flooding all these acres with spot lights from the Stadium itself.

Special lighting arrangements are being made in the Stadium, and arc lamps will hang right across the uncovered area on the ends of cantilevers.

All-Purposes Stadium.

Major-General J. E. B. Seely, the chairman of the company, stated in a letter:—

"Whilst we are equipping the Stadium especially for greyhound racing, it will be our aim to bring Londoners to think of Wembley as their Forum, the open meeting-place to which they will naturally turn on all great national occasions. We have thrown open the Stadium to the Duke of York's National Playing Fields Association, so that the schoolchildren may play there free of charge.

"Greyhound racing, of course, is to be our chief concern. There is no street corner betting on the dogs. It will not make us a nation of Micawbers. From the very outset we have expressed our desire to see a properly constituted Control Board set up for the governing of greyhound racing in the country at large.

"Our great object is establish what is known as open racing—that is, a system by which the owner of a dog can send it here under the care of his own trainer and race it in the same way as he would a racehorse."

Capt. A. E. Brice, for many years judge of the Waterloo Cup, has made some interesting statements.

"We hope one day to organise scratch races," he said. "We shall start exactly on the lines of the White City, but we intend to progress so that one day we shall have open events.

"We are prepared to build kennels for any reputable owner. We intend to run scratch races. An owner may send his dog to a race, but that race will have to be a sweepstake."

Racing Arrangements.

Visitors to Wembley specially interested in the racing arrangements will find a tremendous number of things to interest them, writes R. S. Eckersley.

The concrete foundation for the truck rod around the track has been completed, and it is hoped to have the rails laid by next week-end.

It is proposed to accommodate one of the judges, and perhaps a referee, in what was known as the Royal tunnel, and the other judge inside the track well away from the finishing line—possibly 45 or 60 feet away I am told.

There will not be any permanent structure inside the grounds. The hare controller will be accommodated in the chamber on top of the terrace at the west end, which has been used by police and officials to control pageants and Cup final crowds. This position seems quite satisfactory.

Much construction work has yet to be done, and the first week in January is now declared to be the possible time for the start of racing.

KING MICHAEL AND THE CASTLE LIFT.

FAVOURITE GAME OF THE RULER OF RUMANIA.

PARIS.

The first audience given by the child King Michael of Rumania is described by a well-known French journalist, who has just returned to Paris from the sittings of the Latin Press Congress.

Queen Marie agreed to receive a deputation from the Congress, and at the early hour of eight one morning three members were ushered by the Minister of Justice into the presence of the Queen, the infant King, and his mother, Princess Helen. When the reception ended the little King, with a certain childish dignity of manner, courteously wished the visitors good-bye in French.

As soon as he had done this he turned to the Minister of Justice, with whom he appeared to be on excellent terms, and said, "When they have all gone shall I be able to go up in the lift?"

His ruling passion at the moment is to be borne from floor to floor in the castle of Sinnia by this modern conveyance.—*Central News.*

BOXING.

SATURDAY'S TOURNAMENT.

REASON FOR GUARDSMAN McGREGOR'S NON-APPEARANCE.

The Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Boxing Association, Mr. T. G. Bennett, writes:

"Owing to a misunderstanding the announcement that Guardsman McGregor, of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, will be matched against Leading Seaman Hall at the tournament on Saturday is in error.

"The Association have been informed that Guardsman McGregor, owing to this misunderstanding, is not in training for the event and therefore it would not be fair to him that the contest should take place."

K.O.S.B. TOURNAMENT ON FRIDAY.

A Regimental Boxing Tournament will be held at Murray Barracks at 8 p.m. to-morrow by the K.O.S.B.

There will be 17 fights each of three rounds and some interesting boxing is expected.

Admission will be at the Main Gate in Queen's Road and the upper gate in Garden Road and the prices of seats will be $1, 50 cents and 20 cents.

SWITCHING ON THE DOCTOR!

MACHINE-MADE ADVICE AND MEDICINE!

DEFYING GRAVITY!

Dr. L. M. Mirahorian, president of the Rumanian Society of Psychical Research, in a paper read at the Phychical Research Congress in Paris, suggests the startling possibility that the family doctor may soon be replaced by a machine.

He argues that the human body is a reservoir of radio-activity, and that all "the ills the flesh is heir to" can be ascertained and measured mechanically.

Scientists already have instruments for registering and measuring heart beats and the brain's vibrations, and Dr. Mirahorian believes that progress in this sphere will eventually result in the perfecting of an electrical apparatus by which a diagnosis of the condition of each organ of the human body can be made.

Then, by comparing the reaction of a healthy organ with that of a diseased one, the extent of the trouble will be measured.

If ——.

Dr. Mirahorian is already working on a system by which (if it be successful) all ailments would be diagnosed and measured so that medical consultation would become unnecessary.

Eventually it is presumed doctors will agree regarding the cures of every ailment, so that the diagnosing machine, having been "consulted," will indicate the proper treatment just as a cash register shows our change.

"BUILDER FOR THE DEAD."

UNDERTAKER PROMISES TO BE LIKE JOB.

An advertiser in the "Sierra Leone Guardian" has a tragic tale to tell, a tale of shattered nerves and outstanding debts which hamper him in his business of "building for the living and the dead." He is, however, grateful to young widows. Here is his pitiful complaint:—

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GROG TIME IN A BATTLESHIP.

PROCESSION OF THE "PUMP, RUM, COPPER."

THE DAILY CEREMONY.

The most amusing object among the million and one queer gadgets on the paymaster's books in a battleship is known technically as:—

It is a devilish little copper pump with a bleary, jolly look about its alcoholic neck and a handle which sticks out like the peruke of a three-bottle man. This "pump, rum, copper," is the chief actor in a daily ceremony, which, to my mind is the most amusing parade in the senior or the junior service. It is called by the descriptive name of "Up Spirits."

Every morning at eleven o'clock a solemn procession may be encountered making its way, *viâ* steel stairways, along narrow alleyways, where the small arms are stacked in racks, bearing copper funnels, cans, measures, and most important of all that little rascal "pump, rum, copper."

The procession is headed by a member of the ship's police, and behind walks the copper, bearing with some dignity, the giddy copper pump. The captain of the hold is there, so also are many dignitaries, including the duty warrant officer, the sergeant of marines, the petty officer of the day, and the chief supply petty officer. Behind these great officers of the rum ritual walk two by two messmen, armed with pans and cans, and wearing on their faces expressions which vary from alert cheerfulness to positive bliss.

The procession halts above a steel manhole. The keys are produced, the manhole is opened, and, lo! there rises from the metallic cave a rich, ripe, fruity smell of rum 33 over proof!

The captain of the hold, emerging from the official ranks, descends a vertical iron stairway, and with him goes the "pump, rum, copper," smirking and nodding his peruke in bibulous anticipation.

From The Eighteenth Century.

The issue of rum to the Navy dates, I believe, from the eighteenth century.

Petty officers and warrant officers have the privilege of drawing their daily tot in its neat and powerful state; the ship's company receives it in the form of grog, which is one part rum and three parts water. Admiral Vernon, known as "Old Grog" from his habit of walking the quarter deck in a grogram cloak, was the first to serve out rum and water to his squadron, and in thankfulness the men christened the drink "grog."

Fewer men than ever before draw their grog, and it has, in fact, been suggested that, some day, the ration may cease. Those who still draw it hope that the day is far off. Men who do not draw grog are entitled to 3d. a day in lieu of it.

But listen! Down in the fruity mystery of the spirit room comes the sound of "pump, rum, copper," as he sucks up his daily potation from a big rum cask into a portable barrel! A rope is let down into the spirit room, the barrel is raised, and up comes "pump, rum, copper."

The messmen come forward with their pans and their cans. They extend them towards the rum barrel, and the officers of the ritual measure out the rum to each as if it might be radium.

When the petty and the warrant officers' messes have drawn their neat ration, the rum barrel is padlocked, all eyes on the act! It is then carried in state and placed under a marine guard near the captain's quarters. Here the precious thing rests for a long, anxious, and unnecessary hour.

At 11.45, or thereabouts, the rum bugle sounds, and the procession re-appears to carry the rum barrel forward, where its translation into grog is performed.

"God Save The King!"

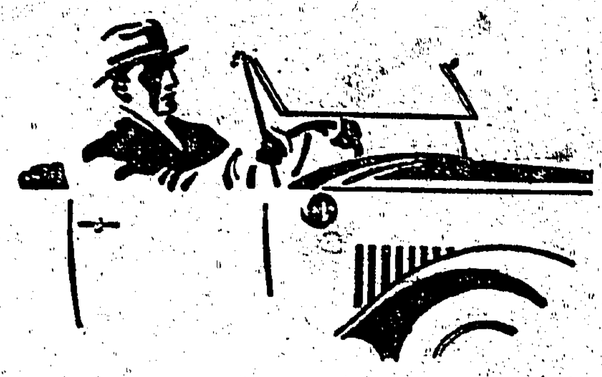
In a position of dignity under the bridge stands an enormous barrel with "God Save the King" inscribed on it in six-inch letters of burnished brass. The rum cask in a battleship lives in a state of perpetual and shameless patriotism!

Now comes the water, three parts to one of rum. The brew is well stirred.

The pungent, ruby-red liquor is doled out until the cask has to be tilted for the last comers. The last man receives his due amount and, most miraculously, there is not a drop of the precious stuff left over!

The patriotic cask is washed and made ready for the morrow. The grog has been served. God Save the King!

Somewhere in the depths of H.M.S. *Impenetrable*, Sir Timothy Rump-pump—no longer looking like "pump, rum copper," but like a dissolute Georgian squire—snoozes and nods in benevolent incapacity, well-oiled, "shot-away," entirely and magnificently debauched.—H. V. MORTON in *Daily Express.*



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HIDDEN WONDERS.

A claim that the lost tomb of Genghiz Khan, the great Mongolian conqueror, has at last been found, is made, states the *Sunday Express*, by Professor Kozlov, the Russian explorer, after a search lasting twenty years. The tomb is in the Gobi desert, near the ruins of the dead city of Khara Khoto.

The location of the tomb had been a mystery to European archæologists for 700 years.

Genghiz Khan's remains lie in a silver coffin, which rests on seventy-eight crowns of princes and chieftains whom he conquered. The wonders of the tomb vie in magnificence with those of the tomb of Tutankhamen.

Seven priests guard the secret place, and every seven hours one of them strikes seven times on a great jade bell. This ritual has continued for 700 years.

Jewel-studded weapons of Genghiz Khan, a life-size lion, horse and tiger in pink jade, and a copy of the Bible written by an English monk, are in the tomb.

Mongol Lamas.

Professor Kozlov, in his report on the discovery, states that he has spent many years in making friends with the Mongol lamas and chiefs to learn their language and become as one of them.

It was finally Genghiz Khan's eighteenth direct descendant, Alashan Genghiz Khan, who told Professor Kozlov where the tomb was, and consented to act as guide.

"We were assured," adds the report, "that once a year, on the anniversary of the great Khan's death, his ghost arises, blows out the lamps, leads the chief of the guardian priests to a great black slab at the back of the shrine, and writes with the priest's hand prophecies for the coming year."

Dolma, the favourite wife of Genghiz Khan, is buried 200 miles away from her husband's tomb. Her burial place was also visited. Her remains lie in a white marble coffin, with the inscription:—

"Here rests Queen Dolma, who prayed the great Genghiz Khan before his death to take her life, that she could prepare his place for him. So the great Khan released her by placing his dagger in her breast, and she died in his arms seven days before he passed."

FATE OF COVENT GARDEN.

PLAN TO DEMOLISH THE OPERA HOUSE.

200 YEARS' HISTORY.

Covent Garden Theatre, for nearly two hundred years one of the world's most famous homes of opera, may be demolished if negotiations, now well advanced, are completed.

The proposal is to demolish it in order to provide for an extension of Covent Garden Market. Other property, it is understood, is being acquired for the same object.

The present Covent Garden Theatre is the third which has stood on the site. The first was opened by John Rich on December 7th, 1732. It was burned down on September 21st, 1808. The second, then one of the largest in Europe, was opened on September 18th, 1809. Like its predecessor, it was destroyed by a fire which broke out on March 5th, 1856, at the close of a masquerade ball. The present theatre was opened on May 15th, 1858.

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It seats about 2,000 people, and is noted for its acoustic properties, which are the best of any theatre in England. The stage is the largest in London, and one of the largest in Europe.

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Urgent Need.

The disappearance of Covent Garden Theatre will be a great blow to the musical public. There is urgent need, however, for the enlargement of Covent Garden Market, and since the scheme for acquiring the Foundling Hospital site fell through the proprietors of the market, Beecham Estates and Pills, Ltd., have been obliged to seek other means of providing for its needs.

If the present negotiations are completed it is probable that the demolition of the theatre will take place not immediately, but in two or three years' time.

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BATTLESHIPS AT DAWN.

THE FLEET BESTIRS ITSELF.

EARLY MORNING CEREMONY.

There are some things which a man sees only once. He may afterwards see them every day of his life, but never in quite the same way. The first time you awaken early in a battleship and go up on deck is one of these moments.

The great ship towers above you in the uncanny grey light not of sun or moon. It is cold. The sea is as grey as the sky. Navigation lights are still burning high up on the masts. Ahead and astern lie the ships of the Battle Squadron, black shadows on grey water—their bridges, their fighting tops, their guns, jet black against the thin red streamers of the dawn. . . .

All round you that mysterious family—the Fleet—is awakening. In each grey ghost of a ship is the same dark parade on deck, the same jumble of sleepy voices as the seamen whose work, like a woman's, is never done prepare to serve their ship through another twenty-four hours. The officer of the watch—a dog watch this—comes up cold and muffled to the eyes. He points to a shadow far off on the port bow.

"Destroyers! See them?"

A fleet is a strange thing. You never actually see it in the same way that you see an army. Its area extends over the curve of the earth's surface. Its members are always slipping away on mysterious errands. The destroyers, like grey cats, go out on their hunting by night, and early in the morning you can see them slinking home again—grey cats that have been out all night.

Yet you are intensely conscious of the fleet. Grey masts are always popping up on the sky-line. Great grey ships are always lurking round you. Sometimes a whole squadron crosses your bows steaming busily on some unknown occasion—part of you, yet apparently independent of you; and the air, you know, is stiff with messages that could, if they would, bring you all together from the edges of the sky.

Mucking About.

"What are we doing now?" you ask, as a perceptible throb rises in the ship.

"Oh, mucking about!" is the reply.

You laugh to think of 25,000 tons of death and destruction "mucking about."

"In the Navy you spend your time either mucking about or being mucked about. . . . actually we are going to sea."

And this is how a battle squadron goes to sea with compliments.

The flagship signals "Single line ahead," and her great propellers churn the water. As she moves, the early morning sun, flashing on brass-work, turns her almost white. The squadron was anchored as it came in from sea, the flagship first and the battleships in line with her, so that in leaving harbour the squadron wheels about, and the flagship, wheeling first, passes down the line.

She sees that the crews of each ship stand in two ranks on both sides of the fo'csle and in the waist. On the quarter-deck of each ship is the band of the Royal Marines.

The flagship moves along the line, her band playing. As she comes level with the first ship there is a shrill even whistling—the bo'sun's pipe—and the crew come to attention. The flagship acknowledges the compliment with the sound of a pipe. Her crew also stand to attention; and so she moves out to sea.

Exactly the same ceremony is performed as ship passes ship. The junior ship pipes her crew to attention, the senior ship pipes in reply, compliment and exchange of compliment, and the grey monsters forge ahead in single line towards the white billows and the open sky.

At Sea.

Once at sea, the hundred activities of a battleship begin with vigour. The great noses of the 13.5 guns are seen to move blindly over the horizon as if in search of a victim. The gun turrets slide easily to port or starboard. Gun teams are inside getting the turrets ready for action.

The ceremony of putting out the paravanes occupies two groups of men right forward. The paravanes, which look like the result of a marriage between a shark and a torpedo, swim below water at a depth and a distance from the ship which draws a wide inverted V of cable on either side, to toss mines from her path.

Kate, Theresa, and big Uncle Rube, the ship's cats, come up on deck to see what is happening. Ship's cats are as different from land cats as seamen are from landsmen. They are seldom brought to sea. They generally walk aboard some dark night in harbour and take possession. Sometimes they get tired of a ship and leave her, joining that strange, much-travelled company of cats in dockyards, until they find a craft to their liking.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

15 MILLION STARS "SNAPPED."

NEW WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE DISCLOSED.

FORTY YEARS' WORK.

Now marvels of the stars stand revealed by the completion of a gigantic task undertaken forty years ago by the Oxford and Greenwich observatories—the mapping of a large section of the heavens.

Fifteen million stars, it is estimated, have now had their photographs taken, although only 6,000 are visible to the naked eye. The enormous number of 30,000 star charts, weighing two tons, and making a pile thirty feet high, will shortly be assembled and printed.

One of the results of the work has been to make certain something not at vast distances, as was formerly believed.

This fact has been discovered from the circumstance that such stars have displayed quickly-showing motion in the photographs that have been taken of them.

Nineteen observatories, spread over the two hemispheres, have been sharing the work: Melbourne, Perth (Western Australia), Cape of Good Hope, Hyderabad, Helsingfors, Catania, Cordoba, San Fernando, Rome, Algiers, Potsdam, Bordeaux, Sydney, Tauba, Toulouse, Santiago, Greenwich, Paris, and Oxford.

Thirty Years Work.

Stars only up to the "fourteenth magnitude" have been photographed. The task of mapping fainter stars would entail nearly another thirty years' work.

Cameras used for the charting are special long-focus ones, fixed to telescopes that travel by a clock-work device at the same rate of speed as the stars they are covering.

The length of the exposure depends, of course, on the brightness of the star to be photographed. Jupiter, for example, requires about a twentieth of the exposure necessary for a "fourteenth magnitude" body. Times of exposure accordingly vary from a few minutes up to an hour or so. In all, approximately 200,000 of these exposures will have been made shortly be assembled and printed.

The astronomers of to-morrow, by comparing the charts now being collected with future ones, will be able to establish how much a star has moved in relation to its neighbour, and in what direction. Exact positions of stars to-day are being measured with the most delicate instruments obtainable, and no expense is being spared to obtain the most correct results.

Nothing before has ever been attempted in the work of astrology to compare with this huge-scale labour of photographing the sky. Progress in astronomy, although it ranks among the oldest of the practised sciences, has been necessarily slow. The starry fields are so vast, and man's means so limited for exploration in them. As each new "ceiling" is being revealed by improved methods, space takes on even more illimitable measurements, until the human imagination reels from encompassing them.

Oxford and Greenwich, in the completion of their respective tasks, now join Cape of Good Hope and Perth as observatories that have finished their allotted portion of the sky.

Uncle Rube is a person of decided habit. He is a kind of admiral among ships' cats—a creature that on fine days likes the quarterdeck and the shade of his own favourite bollard.

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In this way a battle squadron keeps its respectful distance, and landsmen on shore, seeing them at exact mathematical distance so many cables' length one from the other thanks God for the efficiency of the Navy.—H. V. Morton in *Daily Express*.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, November 30th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.13	30.22	30.17
Temperature	71	61	67
Humidity	51	68	66
Wind—			
Direction	N	N	ESE
Force	2	1	3
Weather	B	B	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 2 th: 72
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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 1st to 7th, 1927.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Low Water. Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Thur.	1	m 0 32	7 2	m 9 7	1 7
		4 57 a	4 7	6 19 a	4 6
Fri.	2	m 1 46	6 9	m 10 9	1 9
		5 25 a	5 0	8 34 a	4 7
Sat.	3	m 3 22	6 5	m 11 4	2 0
		5 54 a	5 5	11 3 a	4 3
Sun.	4	m 4 56	6 2	m 11 51	2 2
		6 24 a	6 0		
Mon.	5	m 6 14	6 0	m 0 25	3 5
		6 55 a	6 6	0 32 a	2 5
Tues.	6	m 7 22	5 8	m 1 26	2 6
		7 27 a	5 2	1 10 a	2 7
Wed.	7	m 8 27	5 6	m 2 17	1 9
		8 2 a	5 7	1 45 a	3 0

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 4th December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 11th December, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 5th December, 1927, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 12th December, 1927, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Monday, 5th December, 1927, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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CHINA NAVIGATION
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SHANGHAI ...	"CHENTU"	... On	2nd Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SOOCHOW"	... On	2nd Dec.,	10 a.m.
BANGKOK ...	"KWEIYANG"	... On	2nd Dec.,	4 p.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN ...	"HUICHOW"	... On	3rd Dec.,	4 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE ...	"ANKING"	... On	4th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK...	"KINGYUAN"	... On	4th Dec.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY ...	"LIANGCHOW"	... On	4th Dec.,	10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ...	"LINAN"	... On	4th Dec.,	Noon
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SHANTUNG"	... On	5th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"NEWCHWANG"	.. On	8th Dec.,	8 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG ...	"CHENAN"	... On	9th Dec.,	Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SUIYANG"	... On	10th Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE ...	"ANTUNG"	... On	11th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGCHOW"	... On	11th Dec.,	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & DALNY ...	"YINGCHOW"	... On	11th Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO ...	"SINKIANG"	... On	12th Dec.,	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	... On	15th Dec.,	8 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SZECHUEN"	... On	17th Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE ...	"KIUNGCHOW"	... On	18th Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK ...	"KIANGSU"	... On	18th Dec.,	10 a.m.

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S.S. "PYRRHUS"	Via Suez Canal	15th January
S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD" ...	Via Suez Canal	23rd January
S.S. "CITY OF KIMBERLEY" ...	Via Suez Canal	20th February
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Arrivals and Departures, etc.

ARRIVALS.

November 29th.

Benlomond, British str., 3,123 tons, Capt. Fraser Smith, from London and Manila. The latter port she left on November 26th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

Feijun Maru, Japanese str., 1,284 tons, Capt. M. Yamachi, from Chefoo, which port she left on November 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—M.B.K.

November 30th.

Anking, British str., 2,079 tons, Capt. A. J. Scott, from Singapore and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A37.—B. & S.

Awa Maru, Japanese str., 3,747 tons, Capt. K. Harada, from Singapore, which port she left on November 23rd, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Canada Maru, Japanese str., 3,533 tons, Capt. K. Mori, from Moji, which port she left on November 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

Hai Ching, British str., 1,267 tons, Capt. W. T. Erwin, from Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Douglas Wharf.—Douglas S.S. Co.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. T. H. Ball, from Swatow, with 72 tons of general cargo, lying at Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On S.S. Co.

Japan, Swedish str., 3,262 tons, Capt. E. Narrman, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A8.—Gilman & Co.

Linan, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. T. J. Beer, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Nordanger, Norwegian str., 5,500 tons, Capt. E. Espeseth, from Wuhu, lying at Laichikok.—Standard Oil Co.

Phranang, Chinese str., 1,622 tons, Capt. J. Bruhn, from Hoihow, with salt and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C39.—Chau Yue Teng.

Preussen, German str., 3,050 tons, Capt. M. Mackeprang, from Shanghai, which port she left on November 27th, with general cargo and dyes, lying at buoy No. A6.—Jebsen & Co.

Shantung, British str., 1,368 tons, Capt. W. T. Hodge, from Shanghai and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B9.—B. & S.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Lo Sau, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi Co.

Tanda, British str., 4,236 tons, Capt. E. Pilcher, from Moji, which port she left on November 26th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A5.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

Van Heutsz, Dutch str., 2,870 tons, Capt. J. Groothoff, from Singapore, which port she left on November 24th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A10.—J.C.J.L.

Yamagata Maru, Japanese str., 2,322 tons, Capt. Y. Matsuto, from Moji, which port she left on November 25th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

PASSENGERS.

Departures.

Per Dollar Line *President Cleveland*, for Seattle *vid* ports, on November 30th:—Mrs. M. E. Wortman, Mr. Ray Grider, Mr. R. Johannessen, Mr. E. A. Mackay, Mr. J. M. Da Luz, Dr. Carlos De Mello Leitao, Mr. P. C. Harrison, Mr. A. S. Minnion, Mr. O. Bieckhahn, Mr. H. P. Surrey, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Enders, Mr. E. G. Barnes, Mr. C. E. Ollerdessen, Mr J. A. Isaacs, Mr. J. A. Quayle, Mr. H. W. Allison, Miss Rebecca D. Hunt, Sister Mary Michael, Sister Patricia, Mrs. P. M. Slater, Mr. M. A. Cohen, Mr. C. A. Peal, Mr. Le Cuillon De Creisquer, Mr. C. L. Lee, Mr. J. T. Hegarty, Mr. H. H. Chan, Mrs. R. E. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Aubrey, Mr. P. Madar, Mr. C. J. Smith, Mr. T. L. Rawsthorne, Mr. L. F. Stokes, Mr. Ernest Esser, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hunt, Mr. William McGibbon, Mr. William H. Prohme and Mr. Arthur William Slater.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th MERIDIAN, EAST OF GREENWICH.

Date.	*Sunrise.*	*Sunset.*
December 1st	6.46 a.m.	5.38 p.m.
,, 2nd	6.47 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 3rd	6.48 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 4th	6.48 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 5th	6.49 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 6th	6.49 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 7th	6.50 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 8th	6.51 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 9th	6.51 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 10th	6.52 ,,	5.39 ,,
,, 11th	6.52 ,,	5.40 ,,
,, 12th	6.53 ,,	5.40 ,,
,, 13th	6.54 ,,	5.40 ,,
,, 14th	6.54 ,,	5.41 ,,
,, 15th	6.55 ,,	5.41 ,,
,, 16th	6.55 ,,	5.41 ,,
,, 17th	6.56 ,,	5.42 ,,
,, 18th	6.56 ,,	5.42 ,,
,, 19th	6.57 ,,	5.43 ,,
,, 20th	6.58 ,,	5.43 ,,
,, 21st	6.58 ,,	5.44 ,,
,, 22nd	6.59 ,,	5.44 ,,
,, 23rd	6.59 ,,	5.44 ,,
,, 24th	7.00 ,,	5.45 ,,
,, 25th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 26th	7.00 ,,	5.46 ,,
,, 27th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 28th	7.01 ,,	5.47 ,,
,, 29th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 30th	7.02 ,,	5.48 ,,
,, 31st	7.03 ,,	5.49 ,,

CLEARANCES.

November 30th.

Awa Maru, for Kobe.
Benlomond, for Takao.
Canada Maru, for Singapore.
Deli Maru, for Swatow.
Hermelin, for Bangkok.
Japan, for Singapore.
Linan, for Canton.
Macassar Maru, for Moji.
Mau Sang, for Sandakan.
Preussen, for Manila.
Seistan, for Singapore.
Shin Hing, for Macao.
Taisemo, for Kwong Chow Wan.
Tak Hing, for Autau.
Tjisaroea, for Macassar.
Tokei Maru, for Tamsui.
Van Heutsz, for Swatow.
Yamagata Maru, for Singapore.

"FLAPPER" DEFINED.

LADY FINDLAY'S SEARCH OF THE DICTIONARIES.

Lady Findlay has been elected president of the Scottish Unionist Association, and in her address to the association at its conference at Edinburgh she caused much amusement by relating how she looked up the origin of the word "flapper." She said during a discussion on the proposal to give votes to women at 21:—

I thought in my innocence it meant girls whose hair flapped on their shoulders. But that definition cannot apply to women of 21, for their hair would be either coiled round their heads or, in the case of the modern young woman, it would be cut off.

The next definition I found I scarcely like to mention. It was that of a little duck. (Laughter.)

I then went to the highest authority—Murray's Oxford Dictionary—and here I found the perfect definition. The classical use of the word is to be found in "Gulliver's Travels." We are told that flappers were used to arouse the attention and jog the memory of people who, from absorption of any interest, paid insufficient attention to what was going on around them. (Laughter.)

If these young voters arouse keener interest in politics among the thoughtless and indifferent there is no reason to fear the result of their vote.

Mrs. Wauchope, of Niddrie, thought that women of 21 were not sufficiently educated to have the vote.

MR. C. B. FRY'S NEW ROLE.

DRAMATIC RECITALS IN SHIP THEATRE.

HAMBLE (HAMPSHIRE).

Mr. C. B. Fry, the athlete and cricketer, who is in command of the training ship *Mercury* here, is going on the stage, says a London newspaper recently to hand. He is to give a dramatic recital of Mr. John Drinkwater's poem, "The Midlands," and Mr. Walter de la Mare's "The Listeners," when the *Mercury* Theatre is thrown open to the public and he will continue to appear at every performance for a week.

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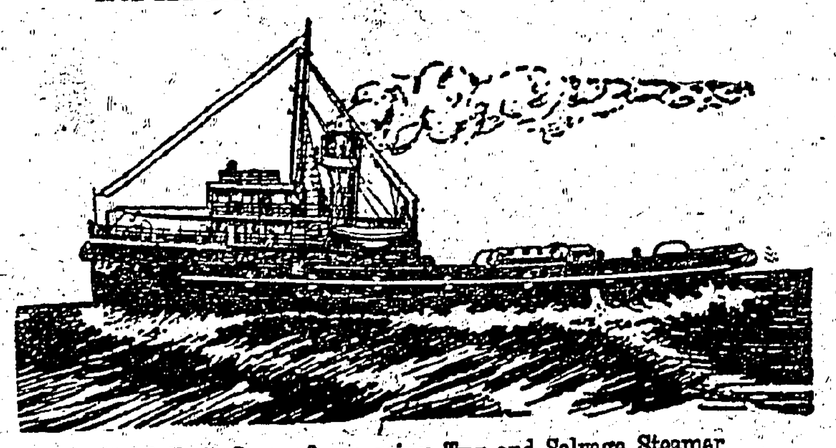

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To	Steamship	Date
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI ...	"YATSHING"	Sun., 4th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"FOOSHING"	Wed., 7th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"YUSANG"	Sun., 11th Dec., at 7 a.m.
	"CHAKSANG"	Wed., 14th Dec., at 7 a.m.
TIENTSIN ...	"CHIPSHING"	Fri., 2nd Dec., at 5 p.m.
	"CHEONGSHING"	Satur., 10th Dec., at 5 p.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI, & KOBE ...	"HOSANG"	Satur., 3rd Dec., at 7 a.m.
CANTON ...	"FOOSHING"	Fri., 2nd Dec., at 11 p.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA...	"KUTSANG"	Satur., 3rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
	"LAISANG"	Tues., 13th Dec., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"HINSANG"	Thurs., 22nd Dec., at 3 p.m.

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Steamship "GLENIFFER"	...	(via Oran)	25th January, 1928
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOY"	...	(via Oran)	22nd February, ,,

To SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VLADIVOSTOCK.

Steamship "GLENIFFER"	...	...	8th December
Motor Vessel "GLENOGLE"	...	...	22nd December
Motor Vessel "GLENAMOY"	...	...	12th January, 1928
Steamship "GLENSANDA"	...	...	22nd January, ,,
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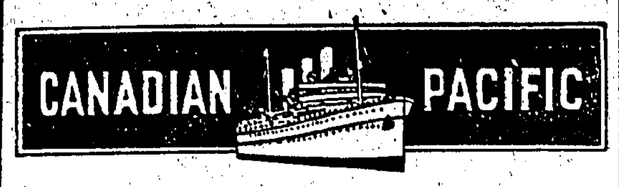

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AKI MARU ... ... Friday, 16th Dec.

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOW LOCAL IMPORTS.

THROUGH CARGOES HEAVY.

The returns for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday showed that freights brought into the Colony were low and that through cargoes remained normal.

There were only 8,602 tons of general merchandise imported. These were contributed by nine vessels out of the eleven arrivals. Four British ships were responsible for 3,679 tons. The two best returns were 2,873 tons on the s.s. *Tairei Maru*, from Miike, and 2,309 tons on the s.s. *Shansi*, from Hongay.

Through cargoes, which were manifested by seven steamers, totalled 17,061 tons. Two British vessels accounted for 8,200 tons. The two best returns were shown by the s.s. *Japan* (Swedish) and the *Crinfield* (British). The former arriving from Vladivostock and Shanghai had 6,375 tons and the latter from Canton carried 6,300 tons.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	4	6
Japanese	3	3
Norwegian	0	2
Chinese	1	3
Dutch	1	1
American	1	1
Swedish	1	0
Total	11	16

VESSELS EXPECTED.

American Mail and Dollar Lines.
President Adams, Dec. 3rd.
President Pierce, Dec. 5th.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changtch, Dec. 9th.
Taiping, Jan. 7th.

Bank Line.
City of Pekin, Dec. 24th.
City of Madras, Jan. 21st.
City of Adelaide, Feb. 18th.

Blue Funnel Line.
Achilles, Dec. 3rd.
Memnon, Dec. 6th.
Cyclops, Dec. 7th.
Pyrrhus, Dec. 10th.
Antenor, Dec. 16th.
Tydareus, Dec. 25th.
Ixion, Dec. 30th.
Perseus, Jan. 1st.
Myrmidon, Jan. 4th.
Rhexenor, Jan. 8th.
Hector, Jan. 12th.
Protesilaus, Jan. 17th.
Troilus, Jan. 22nd.
Neleus, Jan. 31st.
Ningchow, Feb. 2nd.
Philoctetes, Feb. 5th.
Talthybius, Feb. 7th.
Aeneas, Feb. 13th.
Autolycus, Feb. 19th.
Medon, Feb. 28th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Talma, Dec. 5th.
Garmula, Dec. 9th.
Tilawa, Dec. 12th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Canada, Dec. 5th.
Empress of Russia, Dec. 7th.

Dodwell & Co.
Remo, Dec. 8th.
Calulu, Dec. 13th.
Wray Castle, Jan. 1st.
Viminale, Jan. 5th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Kina, Dec. 4th.
Java, Jan. 15th.
Australien, Feb. 22nd.
Asia, Mar. 14th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, Dec. 5th.
Arafura, Jan. 2nd.

Glen Line.
Glenifer, Dec. 8th.
Glenogle, Dec. 22nd.
Glenamoy, Jan 18th.
Glensanda, Jan. 22nd.
Glenapp, Feb. 2nd.

Hamburg-Amerika Linie and Hugo Stinnes Linien.
Vogtland, Dec. 14th.
Ramses, Dec. 19th.
Albert Vogler, Dec. 31st.
Oldenburg, Jan. 12th.
Havelland, Jan. 28th.
Macklenburg, Feb. 5th.

Holland East Asia Line.
Zosma, Dec. 13th.
Oostkerk, Jan. 10th.

Java-China-Japan Lijn.
Tjikini, Dec. 3rd.
Tjitaroem, Dec. 8th.
Tjikembang, Dec. 8th.
Tjisondari, Dec. 12th.
Tjibodas, Dec. 19th.
Tjisalak, Dec. 19th.
Tjimanoek, Dec. 22nd.
Tjiliwong, Jan. 2nd.
Tjisaroea, Jan. 5th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Andre Lebon, Dec. 7th.
Chenonceaux, Dec. 21st.
Lt. St. Loubert Bie, Dec. 23rd.
Angers, Jan. 4th.
D'Artagnan, Jan. 19th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Lushan Maru, to-day.
Moji Maru, to-day.
Fushimi Maru, to-morrow.
Tamba Maru, Dec. 4th.
Rakuyo Maru, Dec. 5th.
Siberia Maru, Dec. 5th.
Asuka Maru, Dec. 9th.
Dakar Maru, Dec. 8th.
Tokushima Maru, Dec. 9th.
Osaka Maru, Dec. 14th.
Aki Maru, Dec. 15th.
Kamakura Maru, Dec. 15th.
Hakozaki Maru, Dec. 16th.
Tango Maru, Dec. 20th.
Takaoka Maru, Dec. 20th.
Hakusan Maru, Dec. 30th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Koenigsberg, Dec. 11th.
Derfflinger, Dec. 19th.
Saarbruecken, Jan. 17th.
Coblenz, Feb. 14th.

Peninsular and Oriental.
Morea, Dec. 8th.
Kulderpore, Dec. 9th.
Montua, Dec. 9th.
Kalyan, Dec. 12th.
Devanha, Dec. 23rd.
Delta, Dec. 31st.
Malwa, Jan. 6th.
Khyber, Jan. 20th.
Khiva, Jan. 27th.
Macedonia, Feb. 3rd.
Kashmir, Feb. 17th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The m.v. *Remo* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Penang on November 28th, and is expected here on December 8th.

The s.s. *Calulu* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Rabaul on November 30th, and is expected here on December 13th.

(*Continued on next Column.*)

The s.s. *Wray Castle* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Honolulu on November 26th, and is expected here on January 1st.

The m.v. *Viminale* (Dodwell & Co.), sailed from Suez on November 29th, and is due here on January 5th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

BREACHES OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

[BY LONGSHOREMAN.]

A Chinese passenger travelling on a Yaumati ferry yesterday jumped overboard while the vessel was in mid-stream and was drowned. The body was not recovered.

Woman, who tried to end her life by jumping into the harbour at Mongkoktsui, was rescued by some boat people. She was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

Marine Court.

No fewer than nine boatmen were charged at the Marine Court yesterday morning for offences committed against Harbour regulations, and fines ranged from $5 to $30.

The master of a cargo boat was charged on two counts; for not flying the "Red" flag to signify that he had 1,000 tins of kerosene (dangerous goods) and for failing to report at Cheung Chau on his arrival. On the first count he was fined $20, and on the second charge a fine of $25 was imposed.

The coxswain of the motor boat *Ah Loo 1* was fined $50 for a breach of his passengers' licence and another coxswain had to pay $25 for leaving port without a permit.

Three lightermen were each fined $25 for leaving port without a permit.

Four sampan masters were each fined $5 for lying inshore during prohibited hours.

Chinese Deck Passengers.

The number of Chinese deck passengers entering the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. was 1904.

Transports At Singapore.

The transport *Santhia* left Singapore last Wednesday for India with about a thousand Indian troops on board, returning from China. A further contingent from China arrived at Singapore on the same day by the *Talamba*, which brought from Hong Kong three officers, seven N.C.O.s., and 77 other British ranks, bound for Calcutta. The vessel left Singapore last Friday.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday were:—

North Wall Basin, *Witherington, Stormcloud, Sterling, Nessus, Cicala;* South Wall Basin, *Tern, Petrel;* East Wall Basin, S/Ms. *L.1, L.4, L.15, L.20;* North Arm, *Francol;* West Wall Dock, *Titania,* S/Ms. *L.2, L.3, Vivern, Veteran;* In Dock, *St. Monance, Cherub,* S/Ms. *L.7, L.8, L.19;* No. 1 Buoy, *Argus;* No. 4 Buoy, *Herald;* No. 5 Buoy, *Thracian;* No. 6 Buoy, *Iroquois;* No. 7 Buoy, *Marazion;* No. 8 Buoy, *Ambrose,* S/Ms. *L.5, L.27, L.33;* No. 10 Buoy, *Seraph, Sepoy;* No. 11 Buoy, *Serapis, Sirdar;* No. 12 Buoy, *Somme;* No. 13 Buoy, *Bruce;* No. 20 Buoy, *Belgol;* No. 26 Buoy, *Kharki;* No. A26 Buoy, *Ruthenia.*

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*"JEYPORE"	5,314	17th Dec.	Marseilles, London and Hull.
"KHIVA"	9,135	17th Dec.	Straits and Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, L'don., Antwerp & Hull
"MOREA"	10,953	7th Jan., 1928	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	7th Jan., "	Straits and Bombay.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	21st Jan., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MALWA"	10,986	4th Feb., "	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	18th Feb., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	3rd Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
‡"KHIVA"	9,135	10th Mar., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,985	17th Mar., "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MANTUA"	10,946	31st Mar., "	Marseilles and London.
‡"KALYAN"	9,144	7th April, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	14th April, "	Marseilles and London.
"MOREA"	10,953	28th April, "	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th May, "	do.
"MALWA"	10,986	26th May, "	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th June, "	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd June, "	do.
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*"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	39th Dec.	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	27th Jan., 1928	
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"MOREA"	10,953	9th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
*"GARMULA"	5,254	11th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Dec.	S'hai., Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	24th Dec.	do.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st Jan., 1928	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	3rd Jan., "	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,986	7th Jan., "	S'hai., Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
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"DEVANHA"	8,155	11th May, "	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	25th May, "	do.

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From	Per	Due
Straits	*Hosang*	1st Dec.
Shanghai	*Liangchow*	1st Dec.
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	*Fushimi Maru*	2nd Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Adams*	3rd Dec.
Japan	*Achilles*	3rd Dec.
Shanghai & Swatow	*Saiyang*	3rd Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London, 3rd Nov.)	*Tamba Maru*	4th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	*Pres. Pierce*	5th Dec
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*	5th Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	*Emp. of Russia*	7th Dec.
Shanghai	*Mantua*	9th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Japan	*Awa Maru*	Thursday, 1st, 9.30 A M
Saigon	*Prominent*	10.30 A M
Straits	*Japan*	10.30 A M
Java via Sourabaya	*Tjisarosa*	2.30 P M
Swatow	*Hydrangea*	2.30 P M
Japan	*West Histon*	3.30 P M
Straits	*Glentara*	4.30 P M
Shanghai & EUROPE via Siberia	*Chengtu*	5.00 P M
Saigon & South Africa	*Santos Maru*	Friday, 2nd, 10.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Ching*	Noon
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 17th December	*Tanda*	Parcels Noon Reg. 2.45 P M Letters 3.30 P M
Bangkok	*Kweiyang*	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Hosang*	5.00 P M
		Kowloon P.O.
		Reg. 4.30 P M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st Jan. 1928	*Fushimi Maru*	Let. 3rd. 9.00 A M
		G.P.O.
		Reg. 8.45 A M
		Letters 9.30 A M
Straits and Calcutta	*Kut Sang*	Saturday, 3rd, Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P M
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow*	2.30 P M
Amoy	*Anking*	5.00 P M
Bangkok via Swatow	*Kingyuan*	Sunday, 4th, 8.30 A M
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	*Hoian Maru*	9.00 A M
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	*Linan*	9.00 A M
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Kai Hong*	Tuesday, 6th, Noon
		Kowloon P.O.
		Reg. 1.00 P M
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th January, 1928	*Porthos*	Letters 1.00 P M
		G.P.O.
		Reg. 1.45 P M
		Letters 2.30 P M
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 25th Dec., and Europe via Siberia	*Emp. of Canada*	Parcels 3.00 P M Reg. 4.15 P M Letters 5.00 P M
		Thursday, 8th, 3.30 P M
Manila	*Emp. of Russia*	
		Friday, 9th, *Kowloon P.O.*
		Parcels 4.30 P M
		Reg. 10th, 9.00 A M
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 6th Jan., 1928	*Mantua*	Letters 10.00 A M
		G.P.O.
		Par. 9th, 5.00 P M
		Reg. 10th, 9.45 A M
		Letters 10.30 A M

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"ANTENOR"	25th Jan.	Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

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NEW YORK SERVICE.

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Sterling... ... ... £6,000,000
Silver $13,500,000

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Haiphong	Moukden	Tokyo
Hamburg	Nagasaki	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Harbin		

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept 1927. [28

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.
For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. C. HYNES,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [2

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Reserve Fund..... Guilders 40,000,000- (£3,333,333.)

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London Bankers:—National Provincial Bank, Ltd.

Correspondents all over the world. Banking Business of every description transacted.
O. STEENSTRA,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 30th July, 1927. [34

THE BANK OF CHINA.
中國銀行
(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL...$60,000,000.00
PAID-UP CAPITAL 12,750,200.00
RESERVE FUND 9,864,398.69
Head Office:—PEKING
Hong Kong Branch:—4, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Loans granted on Approved Securities.
Special facilities for domestic exchange.
SHOU J. CHEN
Manager
Hong Kong 20th June, 1927 [33

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HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £4,800,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
J. R. GEORGE,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [30

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Reserves ..... Frs. 13,276,000

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Pnom Penh	Peking	Tientsin
Shanghai	Hong Kong	

BANKERS:
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London: Midland Bank, Ltd.
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Correspondents throughout the World.
A. ROLLIN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 21st April 1927

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorised Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,800,000
Paid-up Capital £1,050,000
Reserve Fund and Rest...£1,545,667

BANKERS:
THE BANK OF ENGLAND and MIDLAND BANK, LTD.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Kandy	Penang
Batavia	Karachi	Port Louis (Mauritius)
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HONG KONG BRANCHES:
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts to 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at Rates that may be ascertained on application.
C. L. C. SANDES, Manager.
7, Queen's Road Central.
Hong Kong, 19th April, 1927. [29

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Capital fully paid up ...Yen 100,000,000
Reserve Fund.....Yen 96,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: YOKOHAMA.

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Calcutta	London	Seattle
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Changchun	Los Angeles	Shanghai
Dairen (Dalny)	Manila	Singapore
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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong 12th September 1927. [35

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.
Head Office:
96, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital...Frs.72,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ...Frs.68,400,000.00
Reserve Fund Frs.89,384,519.10

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Hanoi	Pondicherry
Battambang	Hong Kong	Saigon
Cantho	Mengtze	Shanghai
Canton	Nam-Dinh	Singapore
Djibouti	Noumea	Tientsin
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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposit according counts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.
Every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.
Safe Deposit Boxes to let.
CH. LVM,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th February, 1927. [32

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AUTHORISED CAPITAL $10,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 5,000,000
RESERVE... 1,200,000

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Bombay	Manila	Rangoon	Sourabaya
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